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Salvation Army's history in TH goes back 100 years

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The Salvation Army has been serving residents of Terre Haute for 100 years.

A summary of those first days was printed in The War Cry in February 1888. Signed by Capt. and Mrs. Cadogan and Cadet George Davis, the account reveals:

"After a considerable time of waiting we received orders to go and open Terre Haute. On our way the engine broke down and delayed us about two hours, ultimately we arrived at our destination ...

"We had good crowds and good meetings all day on Sunday, and souls got saved ...

"Monday, Cadet George Davis arrived; a full house to welcome him, and every successive night our hall was packed, so much so that we needed no stove to warm the place ... Total for the week twelve. We mean to win the city for God."

A history, discovered in the files at The Salvation Army, was written about 20 years ago. The identity of the author is not known.

According to that account, however, the first hall used by the Army was located at Fourth and Swan streets. Capt. Cadogan, his wife, and Cadet Davis were the first pioneers for the organization and worked out of headquarters at 1601 S. First St.

From 1888 to 1900, headquarters was moved from place to place. In 1899, the Army was operating from 311 Ohio St., with daily services at 7:30 p.m.

By 1904, headquarters was located at 20 N. Third St., and outposts were in place at Burnett and at Brazil. Streets meetings were conducted regularly, along with daily and Sunday services.

According to the history, the Army's services were critical "... at a time when the slums of Terre Haute were a reality and when there was a real need for someone to reach those who lived in these degraded parts of the city."

The need did not end. In November 1918, when Capt. and Mrs. Otto Beasley arrived, the Army was located at 33 S. Fifth St. and services were conducted each night. Beasley organized a 30-piece band, and conducted street meetings, usually at Fifth and Wabash.

"In these days, when charitable and relief agencies were not as numerous as now in the city, the work of the women members of the corps through the Home League was of great help to the needy," the author of the history writes. "Clothing was furnished for those in need, and layettes were provided for infants."

Beasley also initiated a training class for officer candidates and several residents of the area entered The Salvation Army Training College in Chicago.

Beasley and his wife remained in Terre Haute until 1924.

The writer notes several times that fund-raising efforts were difficult, and the purpose and mission of the Army often were mis-

understood. One "early champion, however, was the Terre Haute Post, whose editors "took up the cause ... and added an impetus to all appeals for funds."

The Army's esteem also was bolstered when a lay advisory board was established.

Histories and records indicate that the Army moved from location to location in the city, until July 25, 1929, when a contract to buy property at 112 N. Fifth St. was signed. The author of the history writes, "For the first time we owned our own home ... " Activities were conducted in that location until the mid-1940s.

The author also notes that the Army operated a branch in West Terre Haute, and missions in Taylorville, and in the slum area of the central city. The Army also established the first "friend service" for people released from prison.

The author writes that in the spring of 1946, the Army purchased and occupied the Teamsters Temple on South Eighth Street.

The history continues: "Today, the Salvation Army stands recognized as an important institution in the City on the Wabash. Today the Salvation Army has come to mean much to the life of the city. May it ever march on and on."

Now, 100 years after its founding, the Salvation Army continues to reach out to those in need. The church, offices, and meeting rooms are located at 920 N. 19th St., while the Thrift Store is located at 1735 N. 19th St.

Maj. Dale Hale, his wife, Sharon, and their children, Carrie, 12, and Philip, 9, arrived in Terre Haute in January 1985. Valerie Rogers is director of social services, and Levi Coleman manages the Thrift Store.

Hale, who continues the tradition of working with those in prison, also carries services into Vermillion, Parke, Clay and Putnam counties.

Drive Launched

Origin of Army Kettles Told

By JACK HUGHES
Tribune Staff Writer

Where'd those kettles come from, anyway?

Interesting that you should ask. And timely, too, since the local unit of the Salvation Army began its annual Christmas Kettle effort this weekend.

Several hundred Terre Haute area residents are among the more than two million people in the United States reportedly assisted during the Holidays each year by the Army, a quasi-military religious and social service organization, headed here by Capt. Henry A. Woodard, commanding officer of the Terre Haute Corps Community Center at 1670 Locust St.

As the local organization placed its kettles for the annual program of sharing, Capt. and Mrs. Woodard, also an officer of the Salvationists, shared the story of the Origin of Christmas Kettles.

This chapter of the Salvation Army story begins in 1891, about 11 years after the movement came to America from London, England, where founder-General William Booth had established his Christian Mission in East End slums in 1865. An evangelist, he felt called to take church to people who weren't likely to go to one — and might not have enjoyed comfortable reception if they had. Other evangelists joined Booth and his wife, Catherine, in their endeavor which reorganized in 1878 as the Salvation Army.

By 1891, the organization had advanced at home and to other parts of the world, including San Francisco, Calif., where SA Capt. Joseph McFee resolved in December of that year to provide a free Christmas dinner to 1,000 poor people.

"Suddenly, his thoughts went back to his days as a sailor in Liverpool, England," the official account of the kettle tradition reports. And, in memory, "On the State Landing he saw a large pot, called 'Simpson's Pot,' into which charitable donations were thrown by passersby."

Promptly adopting the idea for the current need, he secured permission from authorities and placed a similar pot in a conspicuous position at a well-traveled point and "... launched a tradition that has spread not only throughout the United States, but throughout the world."

Soon after, the use of kettles spread through the West Coast area and two young SA officers in service with McFee were transferred east. William A. McIntyre and N. J. Lewis carried the idea with them with the result that Boston realized outstanding success in funding Christmas dinners for many thousands.

And in New York City, in 1901, the

people of that seemingly indifferent metropolis "... provided funds for the first mammoth sit-down dinner in Madison Square Garden, a custom that continued for many years."

It was in March of 1888 that the Salvation Army began its service to the Terre Haute area. Five of the familiar kettles are located convenient to shoppers, permitting them to join the Army's aim to "Share with Others" in the battle against want which has as its motto, "Heart to God — Hand to Man."

The kettles are located in front of Roots' downtown store, at both Great Scot stores and both K-mart stores.

Applications for Christmas help will be accepted at the Salvation Army office, 920 N. 19th St., 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 1-12. The Army serves as the clearing house for the city with the assistance of the Tri Kappa Sorority under the direction of Mary Ann Tackett. All applicants must appear in person.

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CHRISTMAS KETTLES of the Salvation Army were posted this weekend to begin the magical process of converting the Christmas Spirit of the community into food and other support for people in need, whether victims of disaster or debility, sudden emergency or ageless anxiety. Seeking \$17,500 this year, about a third of the annual budget, officers advise, "This Christmas Sharing time is especially important, not only for the Holiday good it means, but also to support Army efforts in paying the bills at the end of the year and getting us started in the New Year." Vigo Circuit Court Judge C. Joseph Anderson (right) initiated 1975 donations with Mrs. Thelma Coleman at the downtown kettle and Capt. Henry Woodard.

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Salvation Army says 'Thanks!'

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The Salvation Army wishes to thank all those that have generously supported the Christmas effort this year, according to Captain Joseph R. Baunoch, commanding officer. Because of such caring for those in need The Salvation Army has not only met the goal it set for the Christmas effort this year of \$40,000, but has exceeded it by at least \$2,000. The Salvation Army needed the monies in order to help some 6,500 people at Christmas. Help included warm clothing, food, toys for needy children, and visits to shut-in individuals who in most cases are generally forgotten, Baunoch indicated.

"The 1980 Christmas effort is the largest on record in the 93-year history of The Salvation Army in Terre Haute, Wabash Valley Area,"

Baunoch, said. Not only, according to Baunoch, was more money raised than ever before at Christmas, but more people were helped (6500) and more people were involved in raising the needed essentials and distribution of those essentials, some 1500 local community residents with other thousands contributing to this vital cause.

Captain Baunoch wishes to thank those in the Wabash Valley area who so generously have let the The Salvation Army become their liason of love this Christmas and throughout the up and coming year. "May God richly Bless those who have illustrated such concern. Happy New Year," Baunoch emphasizes.

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"I'LL DO MY BEST"—Mrs. Nellie Price, a member of the Salvation Army for 36 years, will begin her 22nd year Friday helping man the Christmas kettle booth in front of Root's Store for donations to the SA drive for funds to help those in need at the holiday season. (Photo by Kadel)

Mrs. Price Rings TERRE HAUTE, STAR 11/26/71 Bell For Others

By GLADYS SALTZER
Star Staff Writer

Salvation Army's Annual Christmas Kettle Drive in Terre Haute will begin Friday when booths will open at five locations, one of which will be staffed by Mrs. Nellie Price, a Christmas kettle "veteran."

A slight, diminutive woman, Mrs. Price has for the past 21 years maintained her post at the downtown booth in front of the Root Store on Wabash Avenue. She has been there, fair weather or foul, to ring the bell which asks passers-by for contributions with which to purchase food, toys, shoes and other clothing for those in need.

Capt. Quintin Kennedy, local corps commander, said that this year a "new, revolutionary approach to helping people celebrate Christmas" has been inaugurated.

The assistance will be in terms of celebrating the season "as it means the most to them, in terms of a family's individual need for food, toys, shoes and new clothing, whatever will give them a more meaningful Christmas," he explained.

And as in past years, any funds not needed for the Christmas supplies will be added to the fund drive for the 1972 budget which must be raised by the Salvation Army since it will not be a member of the United Fund next year.

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Last year, funds provided 700 dinner baskets or 2,500 Christmas dinners, 3,000 toys and Christmas help which touched more than 5,000 persons, Capt. Kennedy said.

Modern bell ringing is somewhat improved over the days gone by when Salvation Army members stood beside the kettles on the sidewalk without

any kind of shelter from the elements. Now booths with some heat are provided and also will be found at Meadows Shopping Center, Southland Shopping Center, Great Scott Market and Honey Creek Square, if personnel is available to man this particular booth.

Mrs. Price, who might well be called "Mrs. Salvation Army," summed up Thursday her 36 years as a member of

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the Corps and her 21 consecutive years at the Christmas Kettle.

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"I've enjoyed every minute of it," she said. "In the years I've met so many friends, so many people from all walks of life; I don't know many of them by name, and to most of them I'm just plain 'Nellie.' The public has been wonderful to me. You'd be standing there and somebody'd bring you a cup of coffee, or a sandwich. It makes you feel like people are people. Maybe we feel sorry for ourselves, and then someone comes along and brings you happiness."

Despite a spinal problem for which she has been wearing a neck brace, Mrs. Price, who lives at 501 Blakeley St., is determined to try to be at her station Friday.

"I told Captain I'd do my best this year," she said. "When you're doing something you enjoy, I don't think you tire out; you wear out! But I'll do my best."

A native of Jasonville, she has lived in Terre Haute most of her life and in 1935 became a member of the Salvation Army. She worked intermittently with the kettle drive beginning in 1936. She and her late husband, from Shelburn, had ten children and during those busy years she missed working at some of the drives, but has not missed a year since 1956.

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This is not her only Corps activity. She was Home League secretary for 16 years and is currently Corps church treasurer, a post she has held for more than six years.

As a member of the League of Mercy for uncounted years, she has visited the sick in their homes and in the hospitals. She received last month a 15-year certificate as a member of the League which is as long as specific membership records are extant, she said. Mrs. Price has had to give up her Sunday school class of nine, ten and 11-year olds, although she recently was back teaching for two Sundays.

"I don't feel I've done anything but what I've done repaid so much," she said.

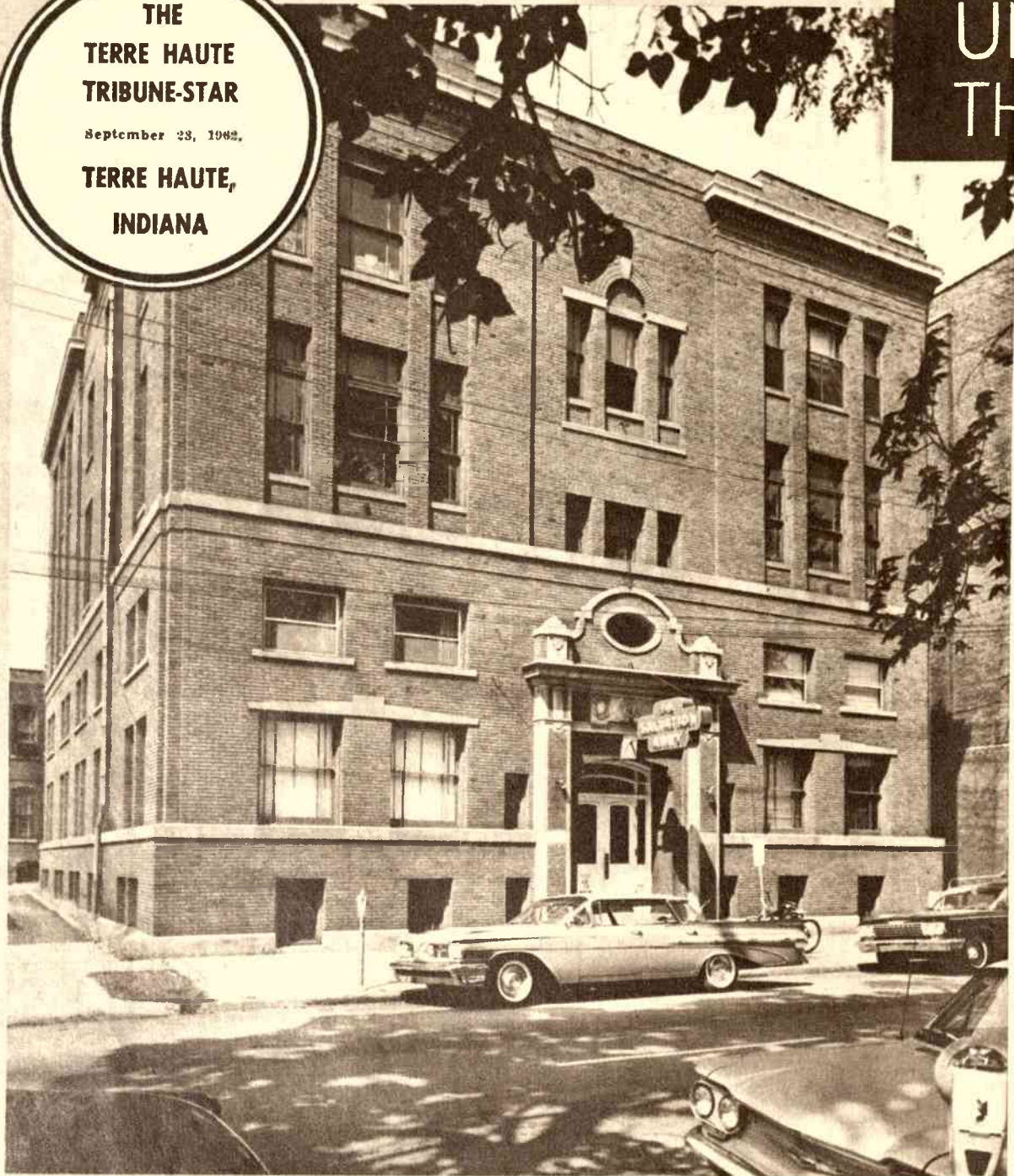
Mr. and Mrs. Price were married in Jan. 1927. Of their ten children, six are living and four of them in Terre Haute. They are Mrs. Don McCullough, Mrs. Richard Kennedy, Arley Price and Bobby Price. Another daughter, Mrs. Virgil Johnson, lives in Rantoul, Ill., and a son, Ben, in Harrisburg, Pa.

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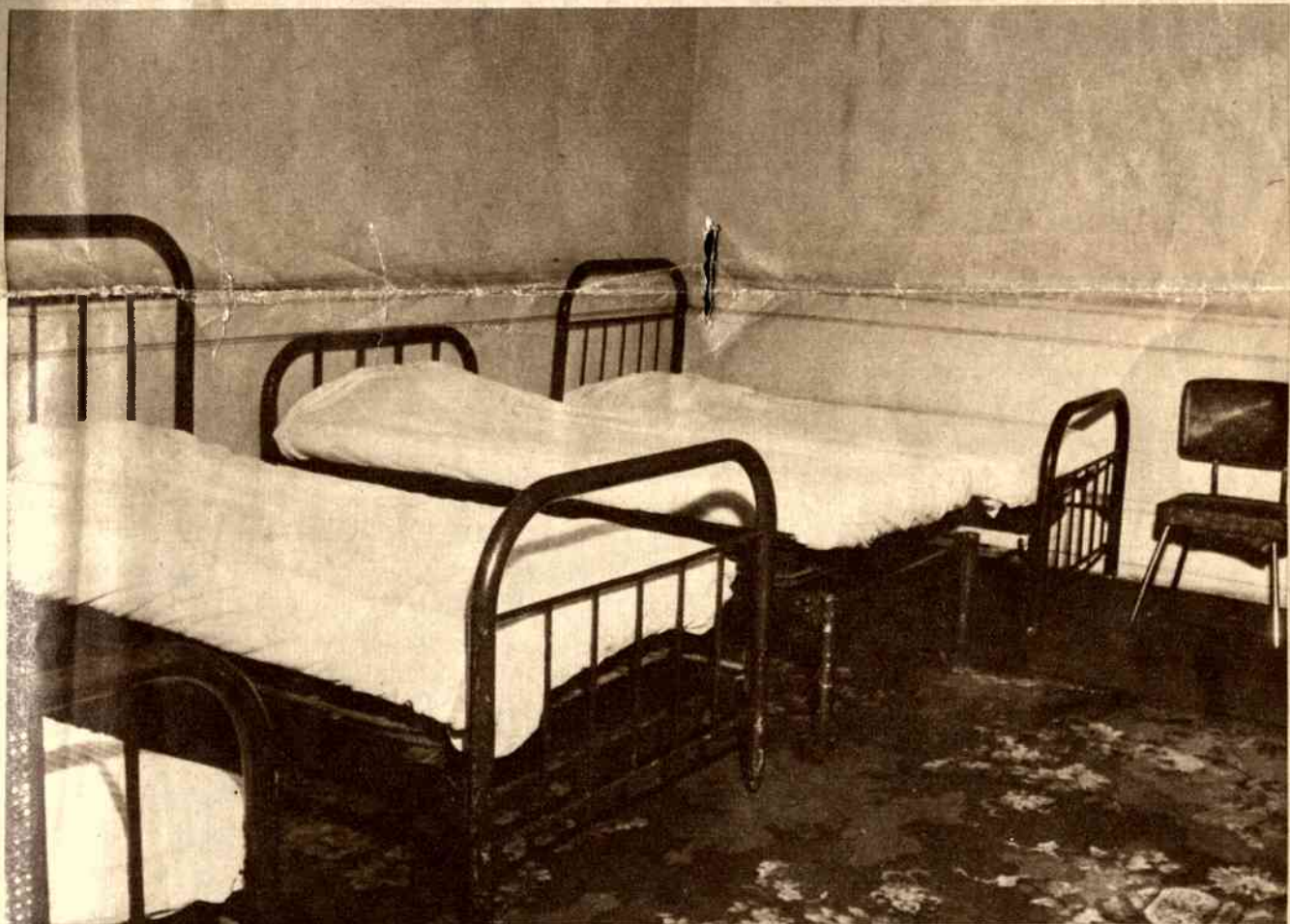


SYMBOL OF HELP—To all men, the Salvation Army stands as a friend in need. With the help of the community and the generosity of the citizens through the local United Fund the Army serves all factions of the community. The Salvation Army is located at 121 South Eighth street.

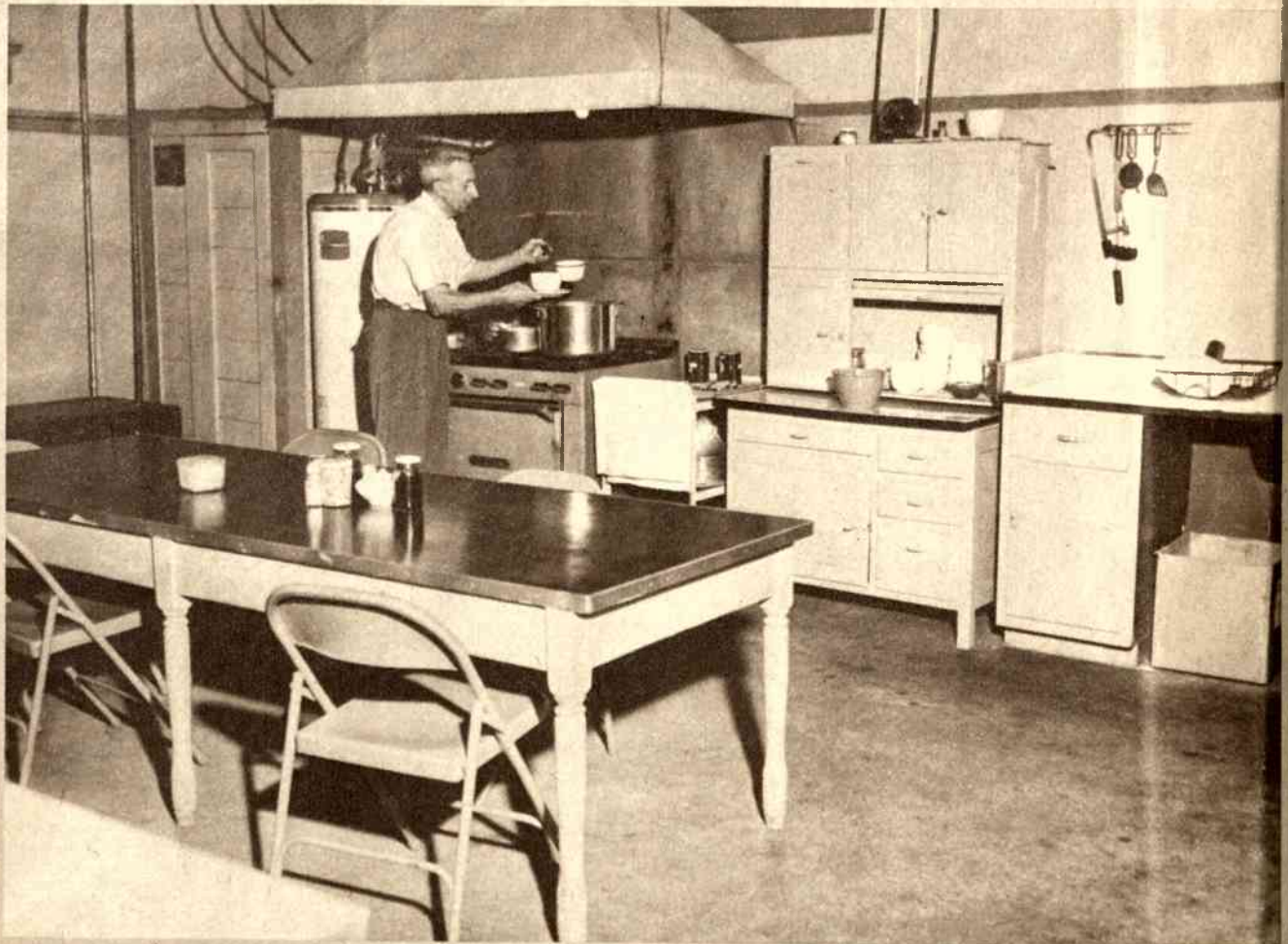
CORPS COMMANDER—Major Eljé Koughn is the officer in the charge of the local Army. He and Mrs. Koughn supervise the operation and administration of this vital community service. The Koughns have been in the Salvation Army for 30 years, the last two in Terre Haute.



HELP FOR NEEDY—Mrs. Koughn is shown interviewing a woman that requests family relief. Quick action is the by-word of the Army. Red tape is cut away as the Army supplies food, clothing, or fuel. It is prepare to serve in emergencies, until the proper government agency can take over. Last year 652 cases such as this were handled.



BEDS FOR THE WEARY—The Army maintains quarters where families with no other place to go may spend the night. In the case of transient travelers the Army takes care of women and children, while the men are quartered at Lighthouse Mission. During 1961 there were 818 lodgings supplied, of which 115 were women and children.



PREPARING FOOD—Hungry transients find a wholesome hot meal at 121 South Eighth street. More than 4,000 hot meals were served last year. In addition, the Army supplies clothing, shoes and, in some cases, funds for emergency needs.



A CHANCE TO REST—Possibly just a stopover on a long trip . . . but the Army keeps their doors open to all. Not all work is done at headquarters. Last year the Army visited 280 persons in jails or prisons. Also, 168 persons were visited in institutions. Some of the most valuable work of the Army is done with parolees, and they work closely with the Probation Department.

Schmidt Discusses New *Charities T.H.* Look at Salvation Army

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Editor's Note: This is another in a series of interviews with presidents of the boards of directors of the 26 member agencies of the Wabash Valley United Way. These agencies are directed by officers and board members who volunteer their time and effort to UW. Professional staff members of any of the agencies work under the aegis of these boards.

The moving of Salvation Army Headquarters in Terre Haute from 200 S. 8th St. to Nineteenth and Locust Streets three months ago marks a change in the major emphasis of Salvation Army service, according to John G. Schmidt, first vice-chairman of the volunteer advisory board.

"We think we can do vital community service in this new location in line with our changing concept to move where we can serve the people," Schmidt pointed out.

Capt. Quintin Kennedy, local corps commander and director of all SA operations in the five-county valley area, pointed out that the Salvation Army has changed its programs "many times" since its founding 107 years ago.

"Our society is no longer one of complete adject poverty," he said. "This area no longer requires some of the services with which the Army has become stereotyped. We are therefore able to develop programs of in-

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AT SALVATION ARMY—The move three months ago to the new headquarters at Nineteenth and Locust streets marked a change in focus for the Salvation Army. John G. Schmidt, first vice-chairman of the board, is shown at Salvation Army's community center. The Community Services Office is to the north of the center.

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terest to a much wider range of people instead of just the very poor."

The new location, it is hoped, will house a community center designed to reach the maximum number of people who, regardless of their age, will find a program of interest to them. The reflection project has "put into action" the "long dreams and plans of the Salvation Army in Terre Haute," according to Schmidt.

This does not mean that the welfare services of the Army have been abandoned, he emphasized.

"The Army always has aimed to relieve human suffering and always will work toward that end. The Community Services office of the SA has been moved to 920 N. 19th St., just behind the community center building, but has continued to function and respond to the needs of the people who have continued to come there," he pointed out. "Food, medical supplies, sometimes clothing or furniture, occasional financial assistance and whatever else may be required to help people can be sought there."

It is the hope of the vice-chairman that when the renovations for the community center are completed, it will serve the entire community daily.

At the present time there are three self-defense and four judo classes scheduled each week at the center taught by professionals who volunteer their services. A gymnastics program has been conducted by senior students from Indiana State University for various age groups.

In addition to the Sunday

school and worship program, the SA has a Boy Scout troop which has qualified for a charter, Schmidt said. A program for girls from six to 18 is offered through the Girl Guards and Sunbeam, international, non-denominational organizations with emphasis on Christian living, Capt. Kennedy noted.

The Ladies Home League, a non-denominational, social-oriented group for women 16 years of age and above, is a fellowship and service organization currently having 52 members now working on a cookbook which they will sell.

The Men's Fellowship Club is being revitalized with its objective community service.

According to the SA's "Profile of Service," the organization annually assists more than half the persons given Christmas assistance in Terre Haute and provides a full program of referral to other community agencies which may be better equipped to handle certain problems.

Mrs. Kennedy, also a Salvation Army captain, is director of women's services for the local corps, which also has one secretary and until Aug. 4 a member of the Neighborhood Youth Corps on the staff.

Schmidt, a member of the board for a number of years, said "we are happy to be in the United Way," which has recommended an allocation for 1973 of \$15,500 for the Salvation Army.

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Salvation Army Here Stands Firm On Sept. 30 Fund Drive

By GLADYS SELTZER
Star Staff Writer

Salvation Army Friday reiterated its position in regard to its projected fund-raising drive to begin Sept. 30 through a letter sent to the board members of the Wabash Valley United Fund and the news media.

The letter, dated Sept. 16 and signed by the Rev. Frank Vidin, president of the Salvation Army Board, reviewed events in connection with the organization's being one of the five agencies dropped by UF for the coming year and the Salvation Army's decision to conduct a separate drive.

United Fund officials, in a press conference last Friday,

stated they "were not pleased" that this and one other agency "chose to conduct these drives at the same time the United Fund drive is traditionally underway."

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The letter was addressed to Thomas J. Hogan, chairman of the board of the UF, who could not be reached for comment

Friday, but a UF spokesman said he believed "this whole thing can be resolved in conference."

John Kapps, president of the United Fund, said also at that time, there would be no objection to the agencies going into

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a private fund drive after the present drive is over the latter part of November. He also stated that "no decision will be made to withhold funds until after the United Fund board meeting Sept. 20."

Kapps was referring to funds allocated to the agency for the remainder of 1971, but not yet distributed to the agency.

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Representatives of the United Fund and the Salvation Army met July 13 to discuss reasons for the termination and, according to the letter, the UF representatives' response to specific questions made it clear that:

"The United Fund did not desire to terminate the Salvation Army's presence or services in the community; that the United Fund had released the Salvation Army from its obligations under the participation agreement and expected that the Salvation Army would conduct a separate campaign for 1972 operating expenses; and ■■ Salvation Army allocations from last year's 1970 campaign would continue for the balance of the current calendar year."

The three and one-half page letter states in part that "The ■■■■■ Salvation Army, by news conference on Sept. 2, 1971, reviewed the points made at the July 13, 1971, meeting and announced that its theme this year would be to 'cooperate separately' even though it could not 'collaborate jointly' with the United Fund effort . . . that it ■■■■■ would cooperate in every way with the UF campaign."

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The letter cited also the participation agreement with the UF in connection with an independent drive and to "paragraph 3 of the participation agreement relating specifically to campaigns for current expenses of the United Fund."

This paragraph, according to the UF states an agency "will solicit no funds for current expenses from contributors to the United Fund unless the United Fund fails to provide at least 80 per cent of the allocated amount."

The letter states also that "In order to avoid misunder-

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Know Your Community Chest---Its Aims and Accomplishments

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THE RED FEATHER KIDS—Sissie and Georgie Martin, visited the Salvation Army one afternoon when several transients were sitting down to a meal in the spotless kitchen in the basement of

the Army's headquarters at the large ~~South~~ Eighth Street building. The Army's services reach people in every walk and strata of life, a fact which is clearly borne out in talking with Lt. Paul A. Clark (standing, left) who heads the Terre Haute Corps.

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In a little booklet titled "What is the Salvation Army?" Donald McMillan, the Army's national secretary, gives his interpretation of its objectives, its reason for existence.

"The ultimate purpose of all Salvation Army activities," he says, is to lead men and women into a proper understanding of their relationship to God, with a particular regard for the erring, the bewildered, and the unfortunate."

And in that brief, meaningful sentence lies the foundation of the broad program carried on year after year by one of the oldest social and welfare organizations in the country. Its social work, however, the Army has felt from its very beginning is of secondary importance—an organized warfare against social evils in order to clear the way for evangelism. For their first concern—in theory and in practice—is man's soul. Get him in the right frame of mind spiritually, the Army says, and he can handle the rest of the problems by himself.

So that's the point of beginning, as explained to the Red Feather Club by Lt. Paul A. Clark, commanding officer of the Terre Haute Corps of the Salvation Army. It may start in a quiet talk in a man's home . . . or in the office of the Citadel, the Army's headquarters at 121 North Eighth Street. It may come at one of the Army's meetings which last year numbered 78 outdoor gatherings and nearly 250 indoor meetings attended by well over 6,000 people. Youth meetings, too, are equally well attended, sparked by the enthusiasm of earnest young soldiers, as Army members are called.

THE ARMY'S SERVICES extend a good deal further than meetings, however. The Corps is quite as well-known for its work among the poor. Food, fuel, furniture and clothing are given to destitute families to help them over the rough spots. Often the anxiety of a distraught mother has been eased with a call for help to the Salvation Army officer who will bring

her medicine for her sick child. Practical, down-to-earth help that pays off a thousandfold in admiration for the Corps and its work.

To the legion of men who wander from city to city looking for work, looking for temporary escape from responsibility, looking for that unknown quantity which ultimately will guide them back to the good, normal everyday life they've lost . . . the Citadel is indeed a welcome shelter where they find a warm, friendly greeting and a "lift" . . . spiritually and physically. Here they can get a night's lodging, a good meal anytime of the day or night, shoes or a suit to bolster their morale and protect their health. Sometimes a fellow has a emergency on his way to a new job, a new start . . . he's suddenly stranded miles from his destination . . . so near and yet so far because of a few dollars. That's another service of the Salvation Army, and Lieutenant Clark can count on one hand the number of these travelers who later have not written him thanking him for the "loan" which carried them over the last mile.

THE HISTORY OF THE CORPS is an interesting story in itself. From an idea in the mind of William Booth, a minister in England in 1865, to carry the message of Christianity to London's poor who would not voluntarily seek it, the Salvation Army has grown into a worldwide organization in less than a century. There are more than 14,000 corps in 197 countries and colonies today. There are 1,400 social institutions for the friendless, unfortunate and wayward, and more than 22,000 officers and cadets engaged in field and social work.

It may well be said that the Army was rediscovered during the days of the first World War when veterans, grateful for its war-time services to doughboys, carried the story back home and took the lead in arousing public support for improved building facilities and the furtherance of its work.

As war loomed again in 1940, the leaders of the Corps were instrumental in the organization of an inter-faith agency to minister to the needs of the American G. I.'s, and the result was the U. S. O. The Salvation Army immediately ordered many of its officers into the field. Scores of Army buildings were converted into U. S. O. units. A total of 201 clubs and canteens and 210 Red Shield centers were operated in the United States alone, and more than

3,000 international units were located in every theater of war.

THERE ARE PLANS for a Serviceman's Club in the Citadel here . . . a huge room on the fourth floor with recreational facilities for the growing number of soldiers in this area. On the third floor work is ready to start on a craft workshop for young people. There's a carpenter on the membership rolls who is ready and willing to do the work . . . but there isn't quite enough money available to buy the materials. There isn't any money to get the wood to finish the floor in the gym, either . . . so the youngsters who were looking forward to playing in basketball leagues this Winter are going to be disappointed.

One-third of the Salvation Army's total income is derived from Community Chest contributions. One-third of all the money spent to operate this benevolent Red Feather agency comes from the dollars given by Terre Hauteans to the annual Chest campaign which combines 19 drives in one. From each dollar donated only a little more

than a nickel can be turned over to each of the 19 participating agencies.

Remember that you are giving to 19 worthy organizations when you give your dollars to the Community Chest this October. And remember that you'll be giving to the Salvation Army.

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COMMISSIONER J. CLYDE COX

Salvation Army To Celebrate 85th Anniversary

By CAROLYN TOOPS

Tribune Staff Writer

The Salvation Army will observe the completion of 85 years of continuous service to Terre Haute on Friday, March 9.

Capt. Quintin Kennedy, local commanding officer, announced that the observance will be coupled with the annual Civic Awards Banquet sponsored by the Salvation Army Advisory Board. The event will begin at 7 p.m. at the Elks Fort Harrison Country Club.

Guest speaker will be Commissioner J. Clyde Cox, territorial commander of the Salvation Army's 11-state central territory. Commissioner Cox has offices at the Army's Central States Headquarters, Chicago. He is the administrator of all Salvation Army operations in the central states region, including over 4,500 centers of SA operation. Commissioner Cox is the spiritual leader of over 90,000 Salvationists in the central states.

The Salvation Army, originally founded by Rev. William Booth in London, England, in 1865, spread to the United States in 1880. Eight years later the first Salvation Army center opened in Terre Haute. Since

that time the Army has continued to serve the needs of Terre Haute residents both spiritually and materially.

The annual Civic Awards and 85th anniversary banquet is open to the public and all are welcome to attend. Reservations may be made by calling the Salvation Army headquarters.

Awards to be presented include a Life Membership, Champion Bell Ringer's Award and the "Others" award, to be given for the first time in Terre Haute.

In addition, winners of the "Dress-a-Doll" contests will receive special recognition.

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Salvation Army Marks 85 Years Service In TH Area

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By GLADYS SELTZER
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Salvation Army marked its 85 years of service in Terre Haute at the annual dinner Friday night when for the first time the local corps presented the organization's "Others" Award to a Terre Haute citizen.

The recipient was John G. Schmidt, now chairman of the local SA advisory board, who was cited for his outstanding community service. The presentation was made by Maj. Ernest Miller of Chicago, public relations director for the Salvation Army's 11-state Central Territory and guest speaker for the event at the Fort Harrison Elks' Country Club.

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Capt. Quintin Kennedy, local corps commander, said the "Others" award, probably the tenth such award to be given in the entire state, is for the individual or group having done the most for other people. He noted that Schmidt was elected chairman of the board after his nomination for the award was made.

In addition to his SA chairmanship, Schmidt, senior vice president of the Indiana State Bank, has been active in many civic and philanthropic organizations including the Boys' Club, Junior Achievement and the Young Women's Christian Association fund drive.

Another new award for Terre Haute this year was the champion Bell Ringer Award which was presented by Capt. Kennedy to Dr. John Roshell, president of the Lions Club. Members of his organization raised the greatest amount of money when they took their turns during the 1972 Christmas season at ringing the bell at the collection kettle stations for the SA's Christmas project.

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The local corps also honored advisory board member Benjamin G. Cox with a life membership on the board. The membership was presented by Maj. Robert Thomson, state commander from Indianapolis.

Names of the winners in last

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Originally Commissioner J. Clyde Cox, Territorial Commander, was scheduled to speak. However, he subsequently suffered a heart attack and could not come for the dinner. Capt. Kennedy said.



SALVATION ARMY BANQUET — Three young Salvation Army volunteers attracted attention at Friday night's banquet. Shown from left are Benjamin G. Cox, who was awarded life advisory board membership; John G. Schmidt, who received the "Others" award; Maj. Robert Thomson, state commander; Capt. Quintin Kennedy, local commander, and Maj. Ernest Miller, guest speaker. The girls are Edith Price, Anna Price and Lisa Kennedy. (Photo by Kadel)



THE SALVATION ARMY annual dinner meeting Friday evening at the Elks Fort Harrison Country Club saw a special award to John G. Schmidt and heard from highly placed SA officials as well as local civic leaders. Included were (from the left) Major Robert Thomson, division commander of the Salvation Army; Attorney Benjamin G. Cox, who was awarded life advisory board membership; Schmidt and Major Ernest Miller, SA territorial public relations director. Martin Photo.

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John G. Schmidt Receives Salvation Army Award

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John G. Schmidt, local banker and chairman of the Salvation Army advisory board here, is the first Terre Hautean to receive the Army's "Others Award," according to reports from the annual dinner of the organization Friday evening at the Elks Fort Harrison Country Club.

Schmidt also served as master of ceremonies for the dinner, signaling the 85th anniversary of SA service in Terre Haute. The award was presented by guest speaker Major Ernest Miller, Chicago, public relations director for the Army Central Territory which covers an 11-state area.

Speakers in addition to Major Miller included Mayor William J. Brighton, who extended greetings on behalf of the city to visitors attending the function, and Edward Schulz, executive director of the Wabash Valley United Way. SA Territorial Commander J. Clyde Cox originally was scheduled to address the group, but was unable to come because of a heart ailment, according to Capt. Quintin Kennedy, local corps commander.

He reported that the award given Schmidt, possibly the tenth such award to be given in the entire state, is for the individual or group having done the most for other people. He

noted that Schmidt was elected chairman of the board after his nomination for the award was made.

In addition to his SA chairmanship, Schmidt, senior vice president of the Indiana State Bank, has been active in many civic and philanthropic organizations including the Boys' Club, Junior Achievement and the Young Women's Christian Association fund drive.

Another new award for Terre Haute this year was the champion Bell Ringer Award which was presented by Capt. Kennedy to Dr. John Roshell, president of the Lions Club. Members of his organization raised the

greatest amount of money when they took their turns during the 1972 Christmas season at ringing the bell at the collection kettle stations for the SA's Christmas project.

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National Salvation Army

Week To Be Observed Here

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In keeping with the current National Salvation Army Week, Governor Otis R. Bowen issued a proclamation Monday designating the week of May 14 through 20 as Salvation Army Week in Indiana.

Capt. Quintin Kennedy, local SA Corps commander, said the Governor "called upon all citizens to recognize the quiet service and compassion of the Salvation Army," in this first such proclamation to be issued from the Governor's office.

"We have the resources of The Salvation Army throughout the state at our call if we need them," Capt. Kennedy pointed out, "so it is quite fitting that this should be recognized on a state-wide level."

He recently returned from serving in the flood areas around St. Louis and said this was a fine example of how the Army can marshal its forces to meet emergencies. Such assistance was available to any community on a 24-hour basis, he added.

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John G. Schmidt, chairman of the local SA advisory board, pointed out that this was a good time to recognize the "new" Army.

"The Army hasn't really changed its original concepts which are to reach people in need at the point of need," he stressed. "In Terre Haute we

are seeing a shift of emphasis, another indication that the Army is moving to keep up with our changing times."

A long-time board member, Schmidt said he felt the programs offered by the Army here "are as strong or stronger than they have ever been."

In commenting on the relocation of SA headquarters from downtown Terre Haute to Nineteenth and Locust Streets, Schmidt said he and the other two members of a three-man committee studied the city and evaluated the findings "for months before deciding which area we should move into. We are convinced that the Salvation Army is in the place where it will do the most good for the greatest number of people."

Most Terre Haute residents "were unaware of the variety of services carried out by the Army in Terre Haute," Schmidt continued.

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"The transient program geared to homeless men was developed during the depression and no longer demands so much time or attention. Now we can turn our abilities to reaching the young person, the real point of need today," he noted.

Capt. Kennedy said the summer schedule of the Terre Haute-Community Center would begin May 29 with a program of indoor and outdoor activities.

The vacant lot at Nineteenth Street and First Avenue will be made into a playground with organized activities and qualified supervision, he continued. Several local business firms are cooperating to develop the property into a usable program area.

Field trips are being arranged which will enable local young people to see areas of the city which they have not seen before. Capt. Kennedy noted, and indoor programs will include instruction in tumbling, wrestling, judo, handicrafts and model-building, with volunteer instructors in a number of areas.

Mrs. Captain Kennedy, Director of Women's Services, pointed out that "we are working in a number of different areas to reach the adult as well as the child."

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A cooking school for adults now is in operation and the Women's Fellowship Circle will continue weekly meetings during the summer, she added.

"look toward making some more permanent arrangements," because the current lease will expire in March, 1974.

He added that a feasibility study will be conducted this month "to determine where we stand in relation to developing a fund campaign to buy our present location . . . This area has proven out so well it would be a real shame to lose it."

Capt. Kennedy said the SA here receives approximately one-third of its financial support from the Wabash Valley United Way, with the balance coming from individual contributions and the annual Christmas appeal.

He said he would be available during this week to talk to interested individuals about the Salvation Army, its mission and programs, and to demonstrate these programs in operation.

A knitting class for girls and women now is being planned with a target starting date set for early in June.

Schmidt said that the SA currently is leasing its present headquarters and must soon

Salvation Army marks 92 years service here

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Ninety-two years of service to Terre Haute and Vigo Countians is remarkable in itself but when one thinks of the varied services performed, the Salvation Army is indeed to be congratulated on its work here.

The Salvation Army this year is celebrating 100 years in the United States. Founded in London by Evangelist William Booth in 1865 in response to the misery of the London poor, the first official contingent of the Army arrived in New York City on March 10, 1880. The American "War Cry," a weekly magazine was published in St. Louis in 1881.

Salvation Army hot coffee and doughnuts, food, lodging and various other types of help to individuals in need by reason of disaster, war or other general circumstances, attest to the organization's dedication to "meeting the physical, emotional, material, social and spiritual needs of mankind. Its many services are designed to aid the whole person."

Space does not permit listing the millions of individual cases and the thousands of communities in general, helped by the presence of the Salvation Army. The Army recognizes that its primary responsibility for meeting material assistance need rests with county welfare departments and township trustees, so the services are quickly administered and for short terms in emergency situations.

Lieutenant Joseph R. Baunoch is executive director of the Terre

Haute contingent of the Salvation Army and along with his wife, Lt. Betty Baunoch and their predecessors have been a great asset to the community. It is a United Way agency.

In 1979, in the Terre Haute area, 1,879 cases of short term financial assistance were handled; 206 individuals were counseled and 543 referrals for short term counseling; 137 children received lodging at the Sonshine House where scores of others received referrals, counseling and where thousands of meals were served.

Many have used the Missing Persons Bureau services and 120 area children took advantage of day camp activities and camping at the Salvations Army's Camp Elm.

The familiar Christmas Kettle and bell-ringers, dress-a-doll, toy projects, and Christmas food baskets through the years have been extremely helpful to thousands of area citizens. This past year the generosity of area citizens and volunteer groups made it possible to brighten the lives of 4,000 individuals during the Christmas season.

We salute the Terre Haute Unit on its 92nd year in this area and its 100th birthday in the United States.

We also salute the executives and advisory board members here for helping to make the local Salvation Army Unit one that we feel is, and has been a good and effective part of Terre Haute area community life.

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Salvation Army soldier taps bars for contributions

By SUE LOUGHLIN
Staff Writer

It was a typical Friday night.

The trek began along West Paris Avenue in West Terre Haute. The car stopped at a smoke-filled, dingy bar where several old-timers had gathered to talk, to share jokes. And, of course, to drink.

The uniformed major entered the building to commence her weekly task. Despite her formal manner and attire, she was not unexpected.

"How ya been, sweetheart," one of them asked.

The major proceeded to take her canteen and magazine around to various tables, always asking the same question.

"Would you like to give to the Salvation Army?" she asked.

A few refuse. Some are reluctant. Others are counting their bills and coins before she comes around.

But in most cases, the people drop in their dimes, quarters and dollars to help the organization out. Whether they can really afford to is another question.

After she had made her round, she left the Army's religious magazine at a table. She walked out, entered the car, and drove down the street to another bar.

A repeat performance followed. Again. And again.

The major is Nellie Sillanpa, who with her husband, Tom, visits approximately 60 bars in the Terre Haute area each Friday to collect donations for the Salvation Army, 920 N. 19th St., which they direct.

Having done it for a year, the Sillanpas follow a known and beaten four-hour path: to West Terre Haute, down Indiana 63 in Terre Haute, west along Margaret Avenue, then northward.

Sillanpa drives, while his wife goes into each tavern, by herself, and asks for contributions. All together, they have made their solicitations for 16 years in various Indiana cities.

"We go to all the bars that will permit us," Mrs. Sillanpa said. When they first began, a few owners made it loud and clear the Salvation Army was not welcome.

As could be expected, several individuals have pointed out to her the irony of the Salvation Army asking for money from... "drunks."

But Mrs. Sillanpa doesn't see it that way. With the Bible as her guide, she said she is against excesses of any sort, whether drinking or eating. And most people she comes into contact with have not overimbibed, she said. "Most people are really receptive and really nice."

Moreover, she believes it is good public relations for the Army.

Admittedly, it's not an easy task. "I hate the thought of it, but when I get going, it's not bad," she said.

Many of those who frequent bars are "regulars," and know her on sight. Occasionally, someone will refuse to give, such as one man who argues that the Army didn't provide help when he needed it.

But she estimates that 60 to 75 percent provide assistance, with a quarter being the most common allotment.

"I don't have a hell of a lot," one man at the Honey Bucket Tavern said.

"None of us do," she replied.

The man combed his pockets, and gave what he could.

There are always a few troublemakers who make her job difficult. She described one man who tried to get "a little too friendly."

"I told him if he didn't keep his hand to himself, he'd get a bloody nose," she said.

She is confident that no matter what the situation, friends would run to her rescue.

She believes that women probably get more contributions than men. One summer, while she was at a camp, a male cadet took her place. A few of the people wouldn't contribute until she returned.

Sometimes, there is a chain reaction among people. If one person within a group agrees to give, others will follow suit. Likewise, if the first person declines to give, so will the others.

Occasionally, Mrs. Sillanpa will take a few seconds to chat with some of the people.

According to Sillanpa, the donor is often a World War II veteran who remembers services provided by the Salvation Army, whether a doughnut and coffee or \$100 to pay for transportation home.

Today, he said, organizations like the Salvation Army are "eaten alive by poor relief."

Last week they provided aid for 30 needy families.

But Sillanpa's optimism will not die. "God replenishes with good people." Last week, one individual gave \$150.

The Friday night "fund-drive" has its good moments. Upon entering the Melody Inn, a performer shouted, "Let's here it for the Salvaton Army." He began strumming such religious songs as "I Saw the Light" while the crowd clapped along.

And the contributions were generous. "I'll take the magazine, too," one young man said.

Some may argue the ethics of the "bar-hopping," but the Sillanpas have their cause. And the Army will continue its fight against poverty.



Maioir Nellie Sillanpa accepts a donation from Jim Kiger.

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Agency seeks caseworker

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The local Salvation Army staff is seeking an additional caseworker and hopes to expand its recreational program so that more children can come for after-school sessions, according to Commander Lt. Joseph Baunoch.

Baunoch stated the caseworker would follow up on cases of individuals coming to the Salvation Army for various kinds of material assistance. At present, the staff consists of himself, his wife, Lt. Betty Baunoch, and a secretary.

The three-member paid staff at Sonshine House is already involved with this program for runaway children, pointed out Baunoch. Sonshine House is located in the Salvation Army headquarters at 19th and Locust streets and currently has five children in residence.

At present, Baunoch said, there are two part-time high-school student workers, obtained through the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) program, helping with the regular recreational program and hopefully a part-time coordinator for this program will be found.

"We also are looking to improve the disaster relief services for such things as burn-outs and other disasters," the executive director said. "This will complement other efforts in the community for disaster relief."

Baunoch said the Salvation Army gets requests for food, lodging, clothing, traveler's aid and money to

pay utility bills. If the Light House Mission cannot handle lodging problems, the Salvation Army tries to help, he added.

"We're the last resource for many people and will supply what needs to be supplied," said the director. "There are people waiting on food stamp processing, for example, and others stranded as they come through Terre Haute. One recent Saturday we had half-a-dozen requests for help from transients."

The Baunochs have been officers for more than four years but have been in Salvation Army work for the last eight years in the inner city of Chicago and Indianapolis and at Lincoln, Neb. They came to Terre Haute this summer.

Lt. Baunoch expressed appreciation for the "generosity and kindness" of Terre Haute people and especially the Lions Club which is providing a new van for the Salvation Army from the club's Rose Day sale.

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Salvation Army Signs Two-Year Lease To Re-Locate Headquarters

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Salvation Army signed Thursday a two-year lease with an option to buy for the former Graf drugstore and former physician's office at Nineteenth and Locust Sts. and will relocate in the new quarters by April 1.

The Rev. Frank Vidin, chairman of the local Salvation Army advisory board, said the lease has been approved and signed by the Salvation Army Corps at the territorial office in Chicago and by John Graf.

Rev. Vidin said some remodeling will be done in the building and it is anticipated that the Easter religious services will take place in the new location.

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With the move from the present building at 121 S. 8th St., the staff will expand the existing programs and initiate other programs which the board expects to have functioning by mid-April. The present headquarters will be offered for sale or lease, Rev. Vidin said.

Three totally new programs to be initiated in the new location are those for a community center, counseling and a Golden Agers Club.

The community center, according to the plan, will be a multi-function program serving the needs of the community for all people for all ages. Through casework, group work, community organization and educational, recreational and religious activities, the center will attempt to strengthen family life, create a feeling of neighborliness, to develop leadership in the individual and to cultivate an awareness and acceptance of citizenship responsibility.

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Personal counseling is available through qualified counselors, according to the outline of the programs, to help individuals find solutions to their concerns of social adjustment.

The Golden Agers Club will be specifically organized to be of service to the senior citizens generally more than 60 years of age to provide educational, social, recreational and spiritual activities for older people.



LEASE NEW HEADQUARTERS — The Salvation Army will move into new offices in the former Graf drugstore at Nineteenth and Locust Streets. Shown signing the lease for the property are left to right, John Graf, Capt. Quintin Kennedy, commander of the local corps, and the Rev. Frank R. Vidin, chairman of the SA advisory board. (Photo by Kadel).

On-going services include religious service, clubs and youth activities including Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, camping programs, emergency and disaster services, correctional services and Christmas programs.

Referral is available on local applications to hospitals in Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis for unwed mothers, and in cooperation with the Salvation Army International offices, the local office provides a worldwide "tracing and locating" service via other local centers around the globe.



TO BRIGHTEN CHRISTMAS — Mrs. Jessie Coons, left, chairman of the Salvation Army's doll project, and Mrs. Captain Quintin Kennedy, admire some of the 200 dolls which are on display at the Root Store until Monday so that Terre Hauteans can vote for the three they like best. (Photo by Kadel)

200 Dolls On Display At The Department Store

Terre Haute voters are being asked this week to cast their ballots for a non-political issue, namely, which three of the 200 dolls now on display in the Root Store window on Wabash Ave. are the prettiest.

According to Capt. Quintin Kennedy of the Salvation Army, the dolls will be given to little girls who would not otherwise receive a doll for Christmas.

Mrs. Jesse Coon, 2900 Fen-

wood, is chairman for the project which was suggested originally by Mrs. Captain Kennedy. Members of several sororities dressed the dolls, supplied by the Salvation Army which will provide also the three trophies to be awarded after Dec. 20 when the dolls will be removed from display so that they can be distributed for the holiday season.

Ballots will be available at the Salvation Army Kettle Booth in

front of the Root Store and can be put in the ballot box at the booth.

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Salvation Army To Hold Civic Awards Dinner

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The Salvation Army, a United Way Agency, will hold its annual Civic Awards dinner and installation of advisory board officers at 6 p.m. Monday in the Heritage Room of the Tirey Memorial Union Building on the campus of Indiana State University.

Capt. Quintin Kennedy, local corps commander, said Monday marks the 95th anniversary of the establishment of the Salvation Army in the United States.

The national unit was established in 1880 in New York City and eight years later, in 1888, the local Corps was established and has been functioning continuously in Terre Haute since that time.

Capt. Kennedy noted that the Salvation Army began in London and the United States was the first "missionary country" to have the Salvation Army.

The awards will include one to members of the Tri Kappa active sorority for their help in running the Christmas Clearing House last year. Captain Kennedy said the members took calls for information, filled applications of those asking for Christmas food baskets, typed lists and did other such jobs.

John G. Schmidt, retiring board chairman, will receive a retirement award for his two years as chairman.

"Another important award will be the 'Others Award,' to be presented to an individual who has given outstanding service to the Salvation Army and the community," Capt. Kennedy said.

This will be the second "Others Award" to be presented in Terre Haute, the first having been given in 1972 to Schmidt. The award was initiated in the early part of this

century by General William Booth, SA founder, who wanted to send a message to each of the SA officers throughout the world. The cost of the project was such that General Booth limited his message to one word, "Others." This award, therefore, signifies SA's central theme of service to others, according to Capt. Kennedy.

He said Tod Jorritsma was elected advisory board chairman at the Feb. 19 meeting to succeed Schmidt. Donald L. Jewell was re-elected first vice president and Fred R. Batson, second vice president. Batson had been treasurer for the past 30 years.

George Redfearn was elected treasurer and J. Samuel Mobley, secretary. New board members also were named and will be announced later.

Guest speaker for the banquet will be Major Robert E. Thomson, state commander of the Salvation Army from Indianapolis. Mayor William Brighton will extend greetings to the group.

Entertainment will be provided by the Ambassadors Quartet from Terre Haute whose members come from several different churches.

Capt. Kennedy said the corps received a letter of thanks from Mayor Brighton for the Salvation Army's help during the downtown fire Sunday night.

SA workers were at the scene half an hour after the first units arrived and served coffee, soup, sandwiches and hot chocolate to the firemen and police and other workers at the scene. Capt. Kennedy said:

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JOINING EFFORTS AGAIN are the Kentucky Fried Chicken dealers of Wabash Valley and the Salvation Army. Shown here at the "Kick-off" luncheon are Captain Kennedy of the Terre Haute region and Gene Knauer, owner of the Kentucky Fried Chicken stores in Terre Haute.

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For the second consecutive year the Salvation Army and Wabash Valley area Kentucky Fried Chicken stores will cooperate in a program to collect and distribute canned goods for the needy, beginning Sunday.

Once again, residents of Terre Haute, Vincennes and Washington and the Illinois cities of Robinson, Paris and Olney, are being asked to contribute canned goods to help feed those in need this Christmas. Anyone bringing in one or more cans of food to any of the Kentucky Fried Chicken stores in those cities will receive one dollar off the regular purchase price of a bucket or barrel of Kentucky Fried Chicken. The canned food will then be donated to the Salvation Army for distribution.

The campaign will run this year from Dec. 1 through Dec. 21.

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Cox honored for service to others

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John G. Schmidt (left) congratulates Benjamin G. Cox Sr., winner of the Salvation Army's "Others" Award, held by Major Tom Sillanpa (right). Schmidt, president of Indiana State Bank, is a

former recipient of the award. Cox was honored for his many years of free legal advice to the Salvation Army. He also has been a member of the group's advisory board for several years.

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'Others Award' To Dr. McCarron

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By GLADYS SELTZER
Star Staff Writer

Dr. Lawrence McCarron of the Indiana State University faculty became the second Terre Haute resident to receive the Salvation Army's "Others Award" which was presented Monday night during the local SA Corp's annual Civic Awards Dinner in the Heritage Room of the ISU Tirey Memorial Union.

His nomination for this award for his services in the community to the Salvation Army and other groups as well was made by the local Corps and then was sent to the state office in Indianapolis and the regional office in Chicago for confirmation.

The first "Others Award" given locally was presented in 1972 to John G. Schmidt who, as

retiring advisory board chairman this year, was presented a retirement award at the Monday day dinner for his services as chairman for the past two years.

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Members of the Tri Kappa active sorority also were recognized for their volunteer help in running the Christmas Clearing House last year when they processed applications and arranged other details of distribution of baskets for needy families.

Dr. McCarron, associate professor and director of clinical training at Indiana State University, was instrumental in helping the local Salvation Army develop a program to teach runaways going from Terre Haute or passing through the

city, according to Capt. Quintin Kennedy, local commander.

He said the program had "bogged down" for lack of money when Dr. McCarron volunteered "countless hours of his time to work on and with this program," including travel to Indianapolis and Chicago. The objective of the program was to help runaways sort out their problems and help them re-establish themselves, according to Capt. Kennedy.

Dr. McCarron also developed and instituted a crisis clinic at Indiana State University for young people of the entire community and directed particularly to those below the university level, according to the citation.

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In addition to his university duties, Dr. McCarron is a

behavioral science consultant and does inservice training. He also does program development for vocational rehabilitation agencies, community mental health centers and juvenile correction centers in the Terre Haute area. He was the recipient in 1963 of a National Science Foundation Award.

The "Others Award" was originated in the early part of this century by the late General William Booth, SA founder, and signifies SA's central theme of service to others.

Monday's program included installation of new officers and board members. Tod Jorritsma succeeded Schmidt as chairman. Other officers were

Donald L. Jewell, first vice chairman; Fred R. Batson, second vice chairman; George Redfeard, treasurer, and Samuel Mobley, treasurer. Jorritsma was ill and could not be present.

The following new board members were elected: Miss Linda Eldred and Robert Hipplehouser for three year terms and Richard Shagley and Mrs. Alan C. Rankin for two-year terms.

The following directors were re-elected; Milton Brinza, Fred Mongel, Robert Paitson, Martin Plascak and Albert Wright.

Guest speaker was Major Robert E. Thomson, state commander of the Salvation Army from Indianapolis who presented the "Others Award."

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CIVIC AWARD WINNER — Br. Lawrence McCarron, right foreground, was the recipient of the Salvation Army's "Others Award," presented Monday night during the corps' Civic Awards Dinner on the Indiana State University campus. Pictured conversing with McCarron following the dinner, are front row, left to right, Maj. Robert Thompson,

Indiana State Commander; Mayor William J. Brighton; John Schmidt, retiring advisory board chairman; Capt. Quintin Kennedy, standing; and Dr. McCarron. In the back row, left to right, Dick Van Allen, Eions Club; and Mrs. James Fischer, Tri Kappa. (Photo by Kadel)

Salvation Army Proposes Center for Runaway Youth

By COLLEEN BLACKETER
Tribune Staff Writer

The Terre Haute Salvation Army is expecting to receive notification this week on whether it has been selected to receive a federal grant totaling \$74,855 for the establishment of a runaway counseling center here.

The Salvation Army has applied for the federal funds under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to match with \$31,000 in donations, building and services provided locally to initiate the free counseling service.

The center, called the Sunshine House, is to provide a free crisis-intervention, short-term residence for runaway boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 18.

The number of runaway cases handled by officials in Vigo County has increased sharply in recent years. During 1971, 68 cases of runaways were processed by local law enforcement officials. Then in 1973, over 180 cases were processed.

During 1974, 162 cases were handled officially while the Youth Services Bureau assisted

an unknown number on an unofficial basis. The Youth Services Bureau was closed at the end of 1974 due to a lack of funding. Of the 162 official cases, 90 involved Vigo County youths and 72 others were apprehended here after running away from other areas.

For the first four months of 1975, 61 runaway cases were officially handled, with 45 from within the county and 16 from outside the county. Cases handled unofficially were not reflected in these figures.

Since Terre Haute is in a crossroads area, a large number of transient individuals make the city a stopover. Terre Haute is on the direct route from Nashville to Chicago and from Cincinnati to St. Louis. The midwest states have the highest rate of runaways and Terre Haute is the middle of that high occurrence area. In 1974, 45 per cent of the runaways processed officially in Terre Haute, were from outside Vigo County just passing through the city.

The necessity for the runaway center and the application for the federal funds for the center have been justified by the Salvation Army by the high num-

bers of runaways handled in the city.

The focus of the Sunshine House is on the personal crisis of the young people and their families. Youths admitted to Sunshine House will be encouraged to contact their families and notify them of their welfare and whereabouts.

Parents will be encouraged to allow their child to participate in the ongoing program.

Co-operation of local law enforcement officials has been assured with Sunshine House functioning as a non-official alternative to the jailing of runaway youths. Youths referred by law enforcement agencies will be received into the program on the same basis as youths referred from other sources or who walk in voluntarily.

The Sunshine House is to be located on the second floor of the Salvation Army Corps Community Center, 19th and Locust Streets. Capacity of the house will be limited to 16 persons plus the live-in staff.

The Sunshine House will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and staffed with professional men and women around the clock. A clinical

psychologist is to be available as a consultant on the program.

The Sunshine House will operate on the philosophy that young people leave home for a variety of reasons, all pointing to some type of family crisis. The center will try to alleviate this crisis before returning the youngster to the same environment.

Figures from a runaway telephone service, Metro Help, shows that of 2,50 calls received, 41 per cent of the callers had run away at least twice before. Of that number, more than 20 per cent said they had run away at least five times.

The Sunshine House will work to recognize and deal with the problems on the first runaway of the youths. At the Sunshine House, the runaway will also be made aware of the responsibility he has taken on for himself, his decisions and actions, by leaving his home. At the same time, efforts will be made to re-establish the broken family communication line and arrange a reconciliation between the youngster and the parents.

The program was developed
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by the Salvation Army through Capt. and Mrs. Quentin Kennedy. The program is to be under the direction of Sam Mobley.

Dr. Lawrence T. McCarron, Indiana State University director of clinical research, designed and developed the grant. McCarron worked for six years as a consultant for a runaway center in Houston, Tex.

The Salvation Army operates about four other similar runaway centers across the country.

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Bell Ringers: A Symbol of Caring

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In Terre Haute, it's the 27 days of Christmas. For 27 days after Thanksgiving, hundreds of volunteers and paid workers will stand outside 13 busy retail stores, ringing bells to attract the attention of shoppers. The bell ringers are temporary duty with the Salvation Army, and their hope is that shoppers will pause to reflect on those less fortunate than they and slip a donation into the world-famous red Christmas kettle.

Area shoppers have become accustomed to the peal of the bells and the sight of a red kettle slung under a tripod. Major Tom Sillanpa, the officer in charge in Terre Haute, says that a local record was established two years ago, as kettle receipts topped \$70,000 during the Christmas season. Although that income dropped in 1983, Major Sillanpa is confident that this year will see a sharp rise in receipts.

The Salvation Army Christmas kettle program was begun in San Francisco in 1891, and quickly spread to the east coast, where, in 1901, contributions enabled hundreds of families to partake of a holiday meal in Madison Square Garden. Kettles are now used world wide, and in the U.S. alone, the Salvation Army annually aids more than 3,000,000 persons during the Thanksgiving-Christmas seasons.

This season, bell ringers will be active at both Great Scot stores, Service Merchandise, Sears, Kroger North and South, K-Mart South and East, Hills North and South, Lowells North and South, and Terre Haute First National Bank downtown. In addition kettles are placed at all Indiana State Bank branches, American Cablevision and various restaurants.

Major Sillanpa is justifiably proud of the work of the Salvation

Army in Terre Haute, and of its Christmas programs in particular. "The main business of the Salvation Army," Sillanpa said, "is God's work. Protestants, Catholics and Jews all serve together on Army Advisory Boards."

According to Sillanpa, the 1983 kettle receipts provided 1,556 food baskets for 7,983 people in this area. This year, the army expects to better that total. Opening day receipts last week came in at record level. Providing the weather stays fair through the week before Christmas, many families which would otherwise suffer a gloomy Christmas season will be able to join in the festive spirit of the holiday.

Johnny Carson, National Christmas Chairman for the Army, says that gifts to the Salvation Army "will keep the Christmas spirit alive throughout the new year."

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Salvation Army majors earn their stripes during holiday

By ROB SHAW
Staff Writer

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"If a Salvation Army officer isn't busy this time of the year, then you know he's dead."

Those are the words from Maj. Thomas Sillanpa of the local Salvation Army, 920 N. 19th St. Both Sillanpa and his wife, Nellie — who is also a major — have been working practically non-stop since October to get the Salvation Army's "Christmas Cheer Program" in full swing.

One day last week, the Sillanpas worked 21 straight hours without rest, and more of that could be in store for them in the near future.

"This week will really be the worst because they're (the people) coming to get their baskets," Mrs. Sillanpa said.

The Sillanpas have 51 years of Salvation Army service between them. Mrs. Sillanpa has 26 years of

Sharing the holiday spirit

service, and her husband marked his 25th year of service Friday.

Both are amazed at the amount of giving this year.

"There's no other time of the year when so much love is shown," Mrs. Sillanpa said. Much of that showing of love, however, is an anonymous type, since the "giver" and the "receiver"

often don't meet. The Salvation Army accepts contributions of various sorts and then distributes them.

"Someone brought in a scroungy little Christmas tree the other day and we found out there was a family that a lady had called in and said they needed a tree," Mrs. Sillanpa said.

The Salvation Army worker "took the tree over and it would bring tears to your eyes... before she got to the door, these little kids ran... and they hugged her around her legs and were so excited," she said.

"Whoever brought it (the tree) in didn't realize they were sharing and bringing this love to them."

The Salvation Army also conducts an "Operation Toylift" each October to help collect gifts for some of the inmates at the U.S. Penitentiary.

Operation Toylift "affords the incarcerated men there the opportunity to select presents for their children

back home, because these men are shut away for years and they are short on funds," Sillanpa said.

"But they do have loving wives and children at home," he said.

"The Salvation Army buys these gifts and wraps them and sends them to the children — and there's no hint that it's from the Salvation Army — it's just from 'daddy,'" Mrs. Sillanpa said.

About 300 inmates picked out gifts to send home this Christmas, Mrs. Sillanpa said, and a short note accompanied the gifts.

Other activities keep the Salvation Army, and the Sillanpas, busy.

Last week, Mrs. Sillanpa and other Salvation Army workers visited about 1,300 patients in area nursing homes, putting on puppet shows and passing out gifts.

Then, on Sunday, the Salvation Army handed out 100 blankets to

homebound persons. "It's a gift of warmth," Sillanpa said.

Work doesn't stop there, however.

"Sometimes, if a woman had a badly abscessed tooth and she wasn't able to pay her dentist, we would be able to help her with the payment... to have that abscessed tooth removed," Sillanpa said.

After all the holiday work is done, the Sillanpas said they "try to relax" on Christmas Day. But that is easier said than done.

"Usually each year, there is someone who's forgotten," Sillanpa said. "If there's someone who was overlooked, we like to try to bring them out a Christmas food basket with all the trimmings on it."

"There are modest souls out there who will never make their requests known," Sillanpa said. "If we could only find out who they were, we'd like to reach these people."

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SHARING IS CARING

Mayor Pete Chalos and Major Tom Sillanpa presided at kickoff ceremonies for the Salvation Army's Christmas Kettle Program.

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THE TRIBUNE, TERRE HAUTE, IN

be a clanging thrill

Staffer finds bellringing to

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By SUE LOUGHLIN
Staff Writer

"There were bells, on a hill, but I never heard them ringing. No, I never heard them at all..."

Until I went to work for the Salvation Army — For three of the longest, coldest hours I've ever spent.

I'd like to say that I did it out of the kindness of my heart, the spirit of giving, and a burning need to help my fellows: the poor, the hungry, the down and out.

The sad truth is — I had to.

"Loughlin — I want you out bellringing for a day," said the editor last week.

Huh? Who? What? Why me?

But my fate was pre-determined. I was going to be a bellringer for the Salvation Army's annual fund drive, scheduled to last through Dec. 24.

So at 1 p.m. Friday, I found myself in front of the K-Mart on Wabash Avenue for a wacky, wild three hours of smiling, begging, flirting, pleading, moaning — and freezing.

I carried my little bell and waited humbly for Major Nellie Sillanpa to bring my canteen. At last, she came, assembled my apparatus, and I was left to face the masses — on my own.

From the outset, it was a challenge. Not being an experienced bellringer, I had a few problems getting my clapper to clang properly.

Some teenage whippersnapper from out of the blue let me know about it. "You know, your bell sounds really flat."

Thanks.

Quickly, I went to the Salvation Army van and got a better bell.

This time, the ring was loud and crystal clear.

Nervously at first, and then with confidence, I rang that bell, calling to the world: giveth me thy mullah.

And then, I heard a clang of a different sort — that of money dropping in my canteen.

Suddenly, the pride, the misgivings about accepting charity — went out the door. Filling the can became an obsession, a challenge. In a matter of minutes, I was transformed from a humble solicitor to an aggressive money seeker.

Maybe I got a little carried away. "Lady, that's the second time you've asked me," one woman said angrily.

Sorry.

"Have I asked you already, sir?" I said to one man as he came out the door.

"Only about 25 times," he replied, perhaps with a touch of sarcasm.

Oops.

But as the saying goes, if you've seen one Christmas shopper...

Soon, the cold, wet weather began to take a toll.

Fingers began to get numb, toes became painful.

Then, "ring-a-bell wrist" (as in tennis elbow) began to set in. I didn't know how much longer I could bear the November cold.

The time was 1:15 p.m. — exactly 15 minutes after I had started.

The Christmas shoppers were out, and their reactions varied.

At least half gave, some more begrudgingly than others.

"They helped me when I was out of a job," said one older woman. "It's not much, but..." She threw in her meager dimes, nickels and pennies.

Often, parents would give coins to their children, trying to teach them the meaning of the word "give." "What's that can for, mommie?" one child asked.

Others who looked like they had absolutely no intention of giving would suddenly, abruptly, toss their coins into the canteen.

Inevitably, there were those who remained 10 feet away from where I stood — making me feel like an Indian beggar with leprosy.

Others would simply look away, or storm out of the store doors. "Would you like to give to the Salvation Ar...?" I was finished before I started.

For some reason, those who were obviously more well-to-do with their fur coats, or three-piece suits — would look the other direction.

In contrast, one elderly woman, hunched and dressed in tattered clothes, gave what was perhaps one of the few spare dollars in her fixed income.

It was the tale of Scrooge — before and after.

By 2:30 p.m., the experience was one of "Total Pain" — swollen feet, backaches, stiff fingers and sore muscles.

To keep warm, I did kind of an Apache war dance around the canteen stand.

To take my mind off the situation, I attempted to chime "top 40" tunes with the bell.

And for a real thrill, I'd pick up the canteen and feel the heaviness grow. "Ahhh. There's gold in that there can."

Finally, the hours got down to minutes. With a second

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WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS — Members of the Salvation Army and volunteers appeal to local residents to help the needy for Christmas. Above, Major Tom Sillanpa (right)

burst of energy, I cajoled, hounded, and sweet-talked for still more money. Maybe, I'd be the top collector. Maybe, I'd break all records known to Salvation Armies everywhere.

At last, my own Salvation came when it was to pick up my collections: a grand total of (drum role... \$128.38.

Last year, same place, the collector brought in \$144 for 8½ hours of toil.

Not bad for a novice ringer. Now a reformed reluctant ringer.

gets some help from bellringers in playing Christmas carols to signal the beginning of the holiday season.

Staff Photo/Bill Williams

Especially with the realization that my few hours of work could turn out to be:

- a Christmas meal for a poor family who would otherwise have to do without.
- Toys for children whom "Santa Claus" would otherwise have to pass by.
- Or gifts for nursing home patients otherwise alone, and forgotten.

Who knows? Someday, maybe those children will ring for me.

Salvation Army's Lt. Joseph Baunoch Busy Helping People Cope With Problems

By GLADYS SELTZER
Star Staff Writer

For Lt. Joseph Baunoch, commander of the local Salvation Army Corps at 19th and Locust streets, his work is a continuous challenge and there are not enough hours in the day for all he would like to accomplish.

"The Army's objective is to help people and the prime motivation is the Christian ideal," he explained. "We are interested in helping relieving the physical destitution but we also are interested in help for the mental and spiritual state. We see man as a trichotomy of body, soul and spirit and we try to work with the whole person. Our work would be incomplete if we stopped at any one facet."

During his nine years in the Salvation Army, Lt. Baunoch has seen individuals make a "big turn around" in their lives to productive lifestyles and when this happens, it is an added satisfaction to him.

He and his wife, Mrs. Baunoch, came to Terre Haute last July 1 from Indianapolis. A native of Port Huron, Mich., Lt. Baunoch attended the corps church there and was a member. He was motivated there to full-time service in the Salvation Army and during the past nine years he was first an employee of the organization and later took his officer training, as did Mrs. Baunoch, a Chicago native.

Her work in Terre Haute is related to the women's programs of the local corps. In addition to herself and Lt. Baunoch, the staff includes a full-time caseworker aide, a secretary/bookkeeper, two part-time

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receptionists and, during the summer, an officer trainee and two day camp workers.

Lt. Baunoch said services of volunteers are used in all programs and without these services the programs "couldn't survive". He also said the regular employees put in extra volunteer hours.

For the officers, their work is a 24-hour job because they are on call at all times, whether it's the middle of the night or the middle of the day, to help someone with problems.

"Calls for help have increased across the state and in June we had a 25 to 35 percent increase in calls for help for very practical needs such as food, clothing, shelter and help with utility expenses," Lt. Baunoch said. "There could be a call for a week's rent, for example. We are not always alone but we have to initiate groundwork before other agencies, especially governmental, can come in. If we can lay the groundwork, this

can get somebody by for three or four days until other kinds of assistance are available."

The local programs fall into several categories, one of which is the welfare activities or short-term financial assistance and counseling. Recreation activities include the youth drop-in center, field trips and crafts and the summer day camp which last year involved 120 youngsters. Staff members and volunteers visit those hospitals, nursing homes and individuals confined to their homes. Small favors and gifts are a part of the visits.

The corps provides special aid during fires, floods, blizzards and tornadoes to the victims of these

catastrophies and aid to emergency workers who receive coffee, soft drinks, sandwiches and items such as gloves.

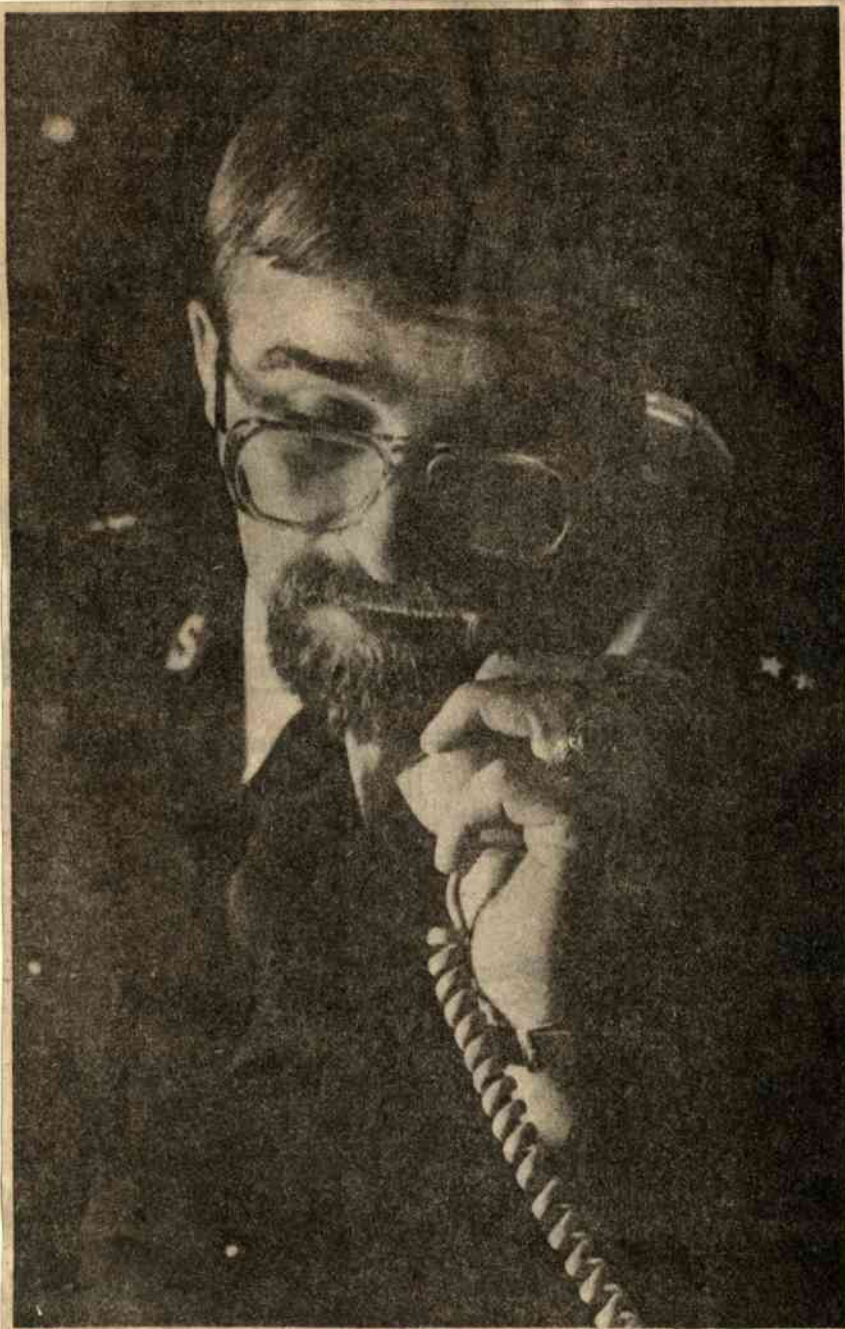
Youth troop-type activities are offered for boys and girls and adult and senior citizens social clubs meet weekly. A full schedule of religious services is offered on Sundays, including a 6 p.m. service in the park at 16th and Locusts streets. An adult Bible study class meets Wednesdays.

Lt. Baunoch said about 20 percent of the budget of \$150,000 for 1980 is funded by the United Way and the majority of the remaining funds comes from private donors, with some other funds coming from government contracts.

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Salvation Army Lt. Joseph Baunoch spends most of each day helping people, but still finds time for family including daughter Beth

The Salvation Army
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Preview

Introduction

- A. Self
- B. Purpose of presentation is to tell you how the Salvation Army is putting United Way funds to use in this area to serve human needs.
- C. Outline of presentation
 - 1. Overview of Salvation Army programs in Terre Haute area.
 - 2. Detailed explanation about one particular program - The Sonshine House.

I. Overview of Salvation Army programs.

The Salvation Army's motto is "Heart to God and Hand to Man" and seeks to provide a range of programs and services that meet the whole person's needs. It, therefore, provides programs that serve the spiritual, physical and psychological needs of persons.

Spiritual

To meet the spiritual needs of persons The Salvation Army provides a full program of religious services - worship and study.

- Sunday School
- Vacation Bible School
- Bible studies
- Worship services

Physical - Welfare Assistance

- 1. Food
- 2. Medical prescription costs
- 3. Fuel cost assistance
- 4. Clothing
- 5. Travel assistance (emergency)

Social Development Programs

Youth programs:

- Foods & Fun - nutrition education for children
- Judo Club
- Summer camps
- Drop-in recreation program

Senior Citizens program:

- Nutrition program

Community Service Programs

- Shut-in visitation
- Christmas baskets program
- Prison ministry
- Disaster relief assistance - fires and natural disaster support

II. The Salvation Army Sonshine House

A. What is it?

1. A temporary shelter-care program - ages 10 - 17 years, male and female - 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.
2. For runaway or otherwise homeless youth.
3. Housed on the second floor of The Salvation Army Community Center Building at 19th & Locust Streets, Terre Haute.
4. The Sonshine House is a part of a national network of Runaway Youth programs funded by HEW - mandated by Federal Law - Runaway Youth Act 1974.

There are 166 projects currently operating coast to coast and border to border.

B. What does it do?

1. It provides an alternative to the street for youth on the run - a safe, clean place where they can sort out their problems and plan for their future.
2. The Sonshine House provides a number of services to youth and their families:

- a. Shelter - care
Food, clothing, shelter
 - b. Counseling -
Individual, group, family. In 72% of the cases last year, parents were involved in counseling.
 - c. Tutoring
 - d. Employment
 - e. Testing
 - f. Medical, dental, optical services
 - g. Material assistance
3. The Sonshine House provides area Welfare Departments with temporary shelter in emergency cases of abuse or neglect.
4. Types of youth served:
- a. True runaways - these are usually episodic runaways - something has gone wrong and the kid runs.

The old fashioned runaway - the romantic adventure seekers - the youth who is following some illusion is is very rare now.

The runaway is usually taken care of in a short time - days.
 - b. The court placement.

Causes for placement -
Family has broken up and either neglect or abuse occurs.

Incorrigibility - won't obey or truant.

Parent is determined unfit.

These cases are moving toward permanent placement in foster home or group home and are more difficult.

- c. The independent liver - older adolescent - usually male who is older than his years and who seeks to live independently of family - usually by mutual agreement.

Usually highly motivated and not too difficult to work with.

C. Some facts of the clients - youth served by Sonshine House

1. They come from our immediate area - 75% from the Wabash Valley area.
2. They come from a cross-section of homes - they are not restricted to any one social class or economic group.
3. They are mostly white - less than 5% are other than white youth.
4. They are mostly female - at least 60-40 in favor of females.

D. What happens to them after Sonshine House?

1. 60%+ are returned to their families with after-care agreements.
2. 30% are placed in foster homes, group homes or with relatives.
3. 5% go into independent living.
4. 5% return to the streets - no satisfactory disposition.

E. Follow-up success?

We follow up on all kids at - 30 days
90 days
1 year

Our studies indicate that over 50% of the youth we work with are maintaining in school, at home, and have not been involved with the juvenile justice system since leaving Sonshine House.

John Graf *Charities (TH)* Donates Property

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A piece of property will be donated to the Salvation Army by John T Graf during the Christmas meeting of the advisory board at 12 noon Wednesday in the SA headquarters, 1670 Locust St.

The property is located across the street from the headquarters and will be used for a parking area for SA patrons, according to John Schmidt of the board.

He said Graf had already donated a lot at First Avenue and Nineteenth Street at the time the present headquarters was purchased from Graf who had owned and operated a drugstore there.

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES AT SALVATION ARMY — A wide range of youth activities are available at The Salvation Army, 920 N. 19th St., a United Way agency. The activities sponsored by The Salvation Army involve religious programs, including Sunday School and other church-related activities such as Bible study and musical instruction, and other activities, such as the Junior Legion (a fellowship-recreation handicraft program for boys and girls), the Sunbeam program (similar to Brownies for young girls), a basketball team (for boys 14-years-old and up) and the Fun and Foods program (for boys and girls coordinated through the County Extension). Pictured with Capt. Henry Woodard, director of the local Salvation Army, is young Fred Price. The Salvation Army, one of 32 United Way agencies, receives about half of its annual funding from the United Way which amounts to slightly over \$18,000.

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SENIOR CITIZENS INVOLVED AT SALVATION ARMY — Mary Edmunds, seated, and Mrs. Capt. Iona Woodard check over some of the handicrafts made by Salvation Army groups for distribution to nursing homes, the County Home and the local hospitals. Some of the projects of such Salvation Army groups as the men's and women's senior citizen group called The Bunch and the Ladies' Home League include the making of handicrafts for distribution to the local institutions. The Salvation Army League of Mercy team takes the handicrafts during visits to the hospitals, nursing homes and County Home. Other adult activities at The Salvation Army include religious programs of Sunday morning and evening worship service and Sunday School and also the Wednesday night prayer meeting.

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SALVATION ARMY SUNBEAM TROOP CANDY SALE — Sacking their candy and getting ready for next week's candy sale are members of the Salvation Army Sunbeam Troop and Mrs. Captain Woodward, standing rear. The girls will be selling candy during National Salvation Army Week, May 10 to 16, to earn funds for summer camp and new uniforms. Pictured with Mrs. Woodward are, left to right, Jodi Webster, Yvonne Steward, Tonya Coleman and Barbara Sanders.

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Salvation Army's summer events end

With autumn just around the corner, the Salvation Army's summer recreation program for youth came to a close this week with an afternoon set aside for refreshments, viewing slides of summer activities and awarding trophies to tournament winners.

Tournament winners presented trophies by Captain Henry Woodard were Bobby Grayless, checkers; Tuan Ngo, hopscotch; Gary Copra, pool; Steve Woodard, ping pong; and Phuoc Bui, basketball free throw.

Special donations were secured for the 10-week summer program which included swimming, field trips, a visit to the county fair, indoor and out-door games, cooking classes and 4-H game classes.

Summer program directors were Mary Larimer and two CETA workers, Herman Shouse and Rhonda Miller.



HERE'S TO THE WINNERS — Captain Henry Woodard, commanding officer of the Terre Haute Center of the Salvation Army, presents awards to youngsters who were winners in various tournaments of the Salvation Army's summer recreation program for youth. Receiving the awards are, from left, Steve Woodard, ping pong champion; Tuan Ngo, hopscotch champion; and Bobby Grayless, checker champion.

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Woodards move to new center

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By DONITA HADLEY
Tribune Staff Writer

Some 15 years ago, Henry and Ione Woodard had, in many ways, realized the American dream. They owned a nice home and a car. They had two children and Woodard had a good job. But something was missing.

"We'd been married eight years," Mrs. Woodard explained. "We had a home, a job, but we thought surely there was more to life than just these material things. We had been Christians most of our married lives and we felt the Lord wanted us to help people."

Feeling as they did, the Woodards decided to take a giant step forward in faith and serve God full time through the Salvation Army.

"We sold our house, our furniture, our car, we sold everything in order to attend the Salvation Army College in Chicago," said Mrs. Woodard. "We took classes six days a week for two years. We took basic college courses like English, psychology and we learned sermon preparation."

"We weren't paid anything during this time," she continued, "but, except for an illness in the family, we did all right."

Their years of service in the Salvation Army led the Woodards to Terre Haute about three years ago where they have served as commanding officers of the Terre Haute Center of the Salvation Army.

However, the Woodards will leave their duties here next Wednesday to work in the Bedford-Mitchell area.

Looking back over the three years, both the Woodards agree the Sonshine House for youngsters ages 10 through 18 has been one of the most rewarding projects they helped to establish here.

"The Sonshine House is a beautiful program and one really needed," said Woodard. "We've seen good responses and results from it. Our people have grown and so has our program."

"The Sonshine House was just in the planning stages before the Woodards came," commented Mike Sepich, assistant director at the House. "I can't say enough about how cooperative the Woodards are and how pleased we are they were the ones to get the project started. They're very sensitive to the needs of the kids and to the staff."

"One of our kids was talking to one of the counselors at Katherine Hamilton and said 'although the surroundings at Sonshine House aren't plush it's home.' The boy didn't have a home of his own," Sepich said.

Mrs. Woodard also cites the senior citizens program as another of their important accomplishments over the past three years.

According to one of their co-workers, the Woodards have provided a place for senior citizens to "come and have a good time. They've (Woodards) done a marvelous job and done a lot for the people who come here. They're fine Christian people."

In turn, the Woodards feel they have had a lot of help from the staff and the community in their efforts at the center.

"People in this community really support the Salvation Army," said Woodard. "Seems like anything that was needed, the people were more than willing to give a helping hand. They show they care by sharing."



ON TO ANOTHER ASSIGNMENT — Captain Henry and Ione Woodard, who have served at the local Salvation Army Center for the past three years, are moving to Bedford at the end of August to begin serving the Bedford-Mitchell area. The Woodards have been ministering through the Salvation Army for 15 years.

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Welcome Envoy and Mrs. Anderson

Salvation Army board members John G. Schmidt, left, and Eston Perry, right, welcomed Envey and Mrs. Wes Anderson to their new assignment in Terre Haute at a meeting of the board this week.

Salvation Army sets revivals

Revival meetings for the public will be conducted Sept. 26 through Oct. 1, at the Salvation Army Community Center, 19th and Locust Streets. The services will be at 7 p.m. and at 10 and 11 a.m. on Sunday.

Guest speaker will be Major Fred Bailey of Kokomo. He and his wife are former missionaries in Chile.

The meetings will launch the fall season of activities for youth and adults at the Salvation Army.

Sunbeams and Girl Guards are two programs for girls ranging in age from six to 18 and meet at 5 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Also meeting at the Salvation and open to all interested persons are children's judo club, amateur radio club. Senior citizens meet on Thursdays.

Envoy and Mrs. J. Wesley Anderson are the new commanding officers of the local Salvation Army. They replaced Capt and Mrs. Woodard.

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Helping Salvation Army

Turning the tables, members of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity at Indiana State University provided assistance to the Salvation Army, helping to refurbish the basement and complete a new stairway. The project was initiated by the SA's advisory board and provides for the expansion

of existing space at the SA's facility at 19th and Locust streets. Workers included Al Perone, Tom Perdiew, Brad Nickum, Mike Mercier, Terry Cunningham, fraternity president; Dave Land, Jay Goad and Sam Barg.

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Salvation Army Cites Volunteer for Service

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The annual Salvation Army awards for volunteer service by groups and individuals were presented Wednesday evening at the Civic Awards Dinner at the Fort Harrison Elks Club.

Trophies for last year's Christmas dress-doll contest winners were presented by Lind Eldred, acting secretary of the Salvation Army advisory board.

The dolls were given to children when the Christmas baskets were distributed to those in need.

Sue Edwards was first place winner, Lois Cultice, second place, Mrs. Milo Hasket, third place, and Viola Ray, fourth place.

Esther Griffin won first place in the crochet division, Lorraine Keller, first place in the complete wardrobe division, and West Vigo High School home economics department, first place for dressing the largest number of dolls.

Certificates of appreciation to organizations whose members donated many volunteer hours of service for Salvation Army programs during the year were presented by Mrs. Capt. Iona Woodard.

These were Terre Haute South Vigo High School key Club, Amateur Radio Club, Tri Kappa Sorority, Lions Club, Farm Bureau Wives, Vigo County Lifeline, Alpha Tau Omega and Triangle fraternities at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and

students at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College.

Also cited for service were the various news media, Mr. and Mrs. O. Turley, Sharon Newell and Linda Eldred.

Major Louisa Merritt, Salvation Army officer serving at the Booth Memorial Hospital in Chicago, was the featured speaker for the annual dinner. Major Merritt spoke about Salvation Army women's and children's services.

Capt. Henry Woodard presented the annual report during the dinner meeting.

The \$975 report included the youth program, welfare orders, Ladies Home League, League of Mercy members, religious services, Christmas food baskets report and individual visitation.

The Terre Haute South Vigo High School Show Choir directed by Vera Wright presented musical selections at the evening program and the girls' Sunbeam Troop of the Salvation Army presented a timbrel demonstration.

Bicentennial placemats drawn by the children in the Salvation Army programs were used for part of the decorations.

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SALVATION ARMY BOARD — Six newly elected Salvation Army board members attended the annual Civic Awards Dinner Wednesday evening at the Fort Harrison Elks Club. Serving the community for the year will be (seated) Capt. Ione Woodard and Linda Eldred, acting secretary of the advisory board; standing, Donald Jewell, vice chairman; Capt. Henry Woodard; George Redfearn Jr., treasurer, and Tod Jorritsma, chairman.

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Onward, Christian soldiers

Majors Sillanpa moving on to Logansport assignment

By Charles J. Maloof
Tribune-Star Staff Reporter

They expected their stay here to be longer, but Maj. Tom Sillanpa and his wife, Nellie, say that as Salvation Army soldiers they are performing "God's work" with their transfer to Logansport.

"All Salvation Army officers can get orders anytime, anywhere, even in the dead of winter," Major Tom said about his family's transfer to the northern Indiana city. The Sillanpas' son and daughter, David, 24, and Sharon, 20, also will move to Logansport.

"We're doing our Father's business and will show ourselves to be a friend to the homeless, transient, stranger or needy, wherever we are," Major Tom said.

The Sillanpas will become commanding officers in Logansport on Feb. 1, the same day Capt. Dale Hale and his wife, Sharon, assume command of the Terre Haute facility. The Hales are "very fine young officers who are dedicated to God and the Salvation Army," Major Tom said.

The Salvation Army's Indianapolis office told the Sillanpas that their "seasoned expertise" was needed in Logansport, a city of 20,000 people. "We are just old and experienced, and they thought we could iron out the trouble in that

community," Major Tom said. "We'll just have to assess the situation to determine the problems, but I do know they have a new Salvation Army building there."

Nellie Sillanpa, who admitted she was in a "little shock" about leaving here, said local citizens "made us feel very much at home" since the family's arrival July 1, 1981, following seven years in Shelbyville, Ind. "We certainly won't forget Terre Haute, especially the generosity and helpfulness of so many people."

She said she is pleased that the spiritual growth of the local Salvation Army Church has progressed. "Our first Sunday here, there were eight in Sunday School, and then we averaged 70 children a week for two months later on," Nellie Sillanpa said.

Major Tom reflected on a similar increase in attendance at church services. An average attendance of 12 to 15 persons swelled to 50 to 60 Sunday morning worshippers.

"When we arrived, there also was a sizable indebtedness and finances were in the red, but today we are operating in the black," Major Tom said. "We couldn't have accomplished this without the generous support of the good townspeople and those from the Wabash Valley area."

One unique fund-raising effort



MAJ. TOM SILLANPA
"Doing our Father's business"



MAJ. NELLIE SILLANPA
Went to bars to raise money

for the SA was weekly visits to about 50 taverns in the area. "Every Friday night the Major would drive and I would go in," Nellie Sillanpa said. "In the beginning, some owners didn't want the patrons bothered. But the people were very generous and many looked for us to come in each week. On occasion, a \$20 bill would be donated by a drinker."

Both Sillanpas are proud of the Salvation Army's Christmas appeal for the needy that garnered a

record \$70,000 in 1982 and the second best effort of \$55,000, that was reached last year.

"Those are the two highest peaks of our administration," Major Tom said. "We reached more families last Christmas than ever before through the generosity of the community and efforts of many volunteers."

The couple also had a good relationship with the Salvation Army advisory board, he added.

Hale to the people: 'Caring' to continue

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By Charles J. Maloof
Tribune-Star Staff Reporter

Realizing that the Salvation Army has established a "good image" here, new commanding officers Capt. Dale Hale and his wife Sharon are confident their ministry can carry on in the same tradition for the people-helping agency.

"We want to build on the foundation that was laid by the Sillanpas," Capt. Dale said about Maj. Tom and Nellie Sillanpa, their predecessors, who were transferred Feb. 1 to Logansport. "They had a good, caring ministry and did an excellent job working with the other agencies."

The Hales previously were in Indianapolis for 4½ years after serving in South Bend, Evanston, Ill., and Willmar, Minn.

"The people in Terre Haute have been very hospitable, and we don't feel like foreigners," Capt. Dale said. His wife also has been impressed with the community's friendly residents, and she's "looking forward" to her stay here.

Improving the Salvation Army's youth program is among Capt. Dale's objectives as the new commander here. Also, he would like to launch a ministry at the U.S. Penitentiary south of the city, because of a "deep interest" in



CAPT. DALE HALE
Impressed with community



CAPT. SHARON HALE
Looks forward to TH life

helping the inmates.

Capt. Sharon said they plan to continue the weekly trips to local taverns as a fund-raising project. "It's a Salvation Army policy to go there because it provides training in our ministry," she explained. "We're not just doing it for the money."

The Salvation magazine is passed out to bar patrons, but no harassment is intended. "People like us coming, but if I sense the

ministry is not there, we won't do it," Capt. Sharon said.

Both hope to develop internal leadership more in the future and increase the SA staff. "We need to hire a secretary and custodian, which would give us more time to serve the people," Capt. Dale said.

The Sillanpas performed these duties that took many extra hours, but the Hales have more of a family life because of their two children, Carrie, 8, and Philip, 5.

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Kids go on shopping spree

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"I'm gonna buy me a purse and some makeup," 10-year-old Indy said while sipping birdlike from a cup of hot chocolate in the restaurant at K mart's 2600 Wabash Ave. store early Saturday.

But you're supposed to buy gifts for your family, the slender child was told.

"Oh, I will," she answered. "I don't want to, but I will."

Indy's table-mate, 9-year-old Kimberly, said she planned to buy toys for her sister — "probably a puzzle" — and a truck for her brother.

"Boy, this is a hard decision," Kimberly said thoughtfully. "I've never had \$20 before."

Indy and Kimberly were two of 20 children treated to breakfast, a gift from Santa and a \$20 shopping spree at the eastside store Saturday morning.

The morning began shortly after 8 a.m. when the children spilled out of a van donated by Budget Rent-A-Car. The Salvation Army provided the names of the needy children.

"Welcome to K mart," Joan Persinger, advertising coordinator, told the youngsters after they were herded into the warmth of the store. "We hope you have a good time and ... let's go eat."

Reticent at first, the group erupted into excited chatter as the sound of jingling bells were heard, followed by the appearance of a bearded, red-clad figure.

Santa, for that's who it was, apparently knew just what each child wanted, as wrapped packages were taken from a bulging sack and distributed, one to a child.

"U-h-h-h-h," Kimberly said as she tore the paper from the box. "Oh! A sticker collection. All right! I love it!" she cried as she hugged the box to her chest.

"Oh! I got a Jordache watch!" Indy said when her turn came. "Oh, I love my watch," she told Santa.

Then the shopping began, with the children assisted by member-



Tribune-Star/Bonnie Jeffery

Taking their time

Scott Maxwell (center), Terre Haute North Deca Club, helps 7-year-old Michael Coleman (front) and 11-year-old Johnny Coleman pick out Christmas gifts while shopping at K mart.

of North High School's Distributive Education Clubs of America.

DECA member Ernie Wycoff, who assisted the two girls with their shopping, said he volunteered for the duty. He ducked his head and mumbled an embarrassed "I don't know" when asked why he volunteered.

"You probably didn't have anything else to do," Kimberly suggested.

Wycoff hooted. "I could've slept in," he told his young charge.

Faculty sponsor Joe Wey said this is DECA's first year to assist

the store with the shopping project. Last Saturday, students assisted with K mart's early morning senior citizens shopping event.

"We're doing fine!" Kimberly said in the midst of her shopping spree. "I bought me some earrings — he talked me into it," she said, pointing to Wycoff.

"Oh, no, I didn't talk you into it," the young man said.

"Well," said Kimberly, "my brother isn't buying me anything, so I'm not buying him anything."

"Where do you want to go now?" Wycoff asked.

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Salvation Army leaders

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New members of the advisory board of the Salvation Army are (left to right) Ginny

Suter, Betty Martin, Dan Hester, Derri Llewelyn, Joyce Byrer and Major Tom

Sillanpa. Other members (not pictured) are Jo Einsteadig and Robert Moran.



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A merrier Christmas

Maj. and Mrs. Tom Sillanpa helped more than 8,000 needy Wabash Valley families to a happier Christmas last year with the Salvation Army's Christmas food basket program.

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Salvation Army helps feed needy

Ts OCT 1 1983

Last Christmas, more than 8,000 needy families in the Wabash Valley — more than the entire population of Brazil — enjoyed a traditional holiday dinner, thanks to the Salvation Army's Christmas food basket program.

"Christmas can be a lonely, disheartening time of year if you've been unemployed for months or years on end," said Major Tom Sillanpa, director. "Touching the lives of these 8,000 families with a small measure of comfort and assistance is a good example of what the Salvation Army is all about."

Since 1888, the Salvation Army has been serving the Wabash Valley. Its activities involve assistance to the homeless transient, the alcoholic and the unwed parent. Underlying its service is a spiritual

ministry that sees in everyone "a brother for whom Christ died," according to Sillanpa.

Basic services offered are short-term financial assistance and counseling, recreation, visiting shut-ins, disaster preparedness and relief and social development and activities.

Sillanpa said that more than 16,000 lives in the Wabash Valley were touched by the Salvation Army last year. Everyone who is in need of the programs or services is eligible, regardless of race, creed, sex or ethnic origin.

Approximately 70 percent of the 1984 budget will be self-generated through private contributions and special fund raising events. The other 30 percent is funded through the United Way.

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Salvation Army heads have dream

By KATHY DENNIS
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The new commanding officers of the Salvation Army have a dream.

Major Tom Sillanpa and his wife, Nellie, who July 1 together took charge of the local Salvation Army, think that they can solve the financial problems the agency now faces and turn the Terre Haute facility into what they want it to be.

"The Salvation Army could be the pride and joy of Terre Haute," Sillanpa said.

"The potential here is simply tremendous. I know God will provide an answer so the Salvation Army will (eventually) be operating out of the facility it should be."

The Sillanpa's are non-denominational Christian chaplains. They come to Terre Haute after working eight years at the Shelbyville Salvation Army, where they saw it change into a \$500,000 community complex, which was built on donations from one woman.

"If one woman could do that, think what could be done here," Sillanpa said.

Like many charitable organizations, the local Salvation Army's financial problems have accumulated over the years, he said, and they include not enough money to pay for building, vehicle and facility repairs and upkeep.

When the Sillanpa's came here in early July, they im-

Nellie
and
Tom
Sillanpa



mediately began to tighten their expenses, without providing fewer services.

"We've already started..." Sillanpa said. "We're operating more efficiently without curtailing any essential community services."

The major and his wife dream of a new building for the Terre Haute Salvation Army, complete with a chapel, gymnasium, thrift store, garages and officers' quarters.

He said that there's not enough money to pay for expenses now, and the fact that all the machinery and vehicles they own have to sit out in all kinds of weather, being especially vulnerable to vandalism, doesn't help matters.

Sillanpa said the limitations at the current building are such that "we can hardly operate out of it."

The major is hoping that through public awareness of the agency's problems, it will get some extra help, other than the usual donations. United Way funds and Christman appeal help that it normally gets.

Sillanpa said he came to Terre Haute because it looked like a challenge, and he's already fallen in love with the city.

"I hope to have a long and productive tenure of office here," he said. "I'm having a love affair with Terre Haute."

Meanwhile, Sillanpa said he's confident God will provide help.

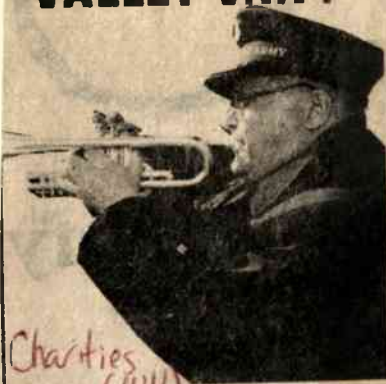
He said it will probably take a few years to turn the Salvation Army into what he wants it to be, but it will be done.

"We can't continue at the present rate," he said. "We'll get turned around."

The agency, which provides emergency help to needy individuals and families, will not offer any frills, he said, only necessary care.

"We're tightening up now," Sillanpa said. "plugging up the leaks and turning it around."

VALLEY V.I.P.



Major Tom Sillanpa

Major Tom Sillanpa is the genial commanding officer of the local contingent of the Salvation Army which is now in its 119th year, having been founded by William Booth in 1865. Booth was a former pawnbroker turned Methodist "New Connexion" circuit preacher when he and his wife, returning to London, England, from the circuit "were overwhelmed by the human suffering" they saw. Booth decided to do something about that and the Army came into being. He was in his middle 30s, born in 1829.

One hundred years later, about the time the United States entered the Great Depression, Tom came along to brighten the lives of his Finnish immigrant family in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Within a few years, they moved to the other Twin City, St. Paul, where young Tom grew up and was graduated from John Marshall High School in 1947. His early work included employment with the Great Northern Railroad and, thanks perhaps to a literary streak in the family, some moonlighting as the editor-publisher of a couple of neighborhood newspapers for several years.

Sillanpa attended the Suomi College, Hancock, Michigan, for a short time before entering the Salvation Army officers' college at Chicago from which he was graduated in 1957, commissioned a lieutenant with his class in Orchestra Hall. He refers to the Army as "the company," saying, "For me, being called to God to serve Him and my fellowman is a great privilege.

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During my tenure—I've been with 'the company' for twenty-eight years now—I've married over 300 couples, conducted as many funeral services (fourteen in Terre Haute), dedicated babies and preached an estimated 2,700 sermons..." He says that record has more significance for him than achievements in the area of human social services, but adds that "one dovetails into the other," and recalls a statement attributed to founder Booth: "You can't preach salvation to a man with a toothache or an empty stomach."

The chief of the Terre Haute SA installation served his country during the Korean conflict and is a member of the American Legion. In addition to his ministerial duties preaching at funerals those 300 or so times, the major has functioned as a musician, having played "Taps" for veterans' graveside committals "...at least a couple hundred times, once in Arlington National Cemetery."

Major Tom, not surprisingly, has Finnish as a second language in which he is fluent. He enjoys intermittent study of several other languages, including French, German, Italian, Latin and Hebrew, loves music, particularly grand opera, and welcomes opportunity to travel. He has written two booklets, one commissioned by the Women's Christian Temperance Union and the other dealing with a heroine of the American Civil War. His cultural bent may have something to do with his relationship to Frans Eemil Sillanpa—a cousin of his father's father, who won a Nobel Prize in literature in 1939, the first Finnish novelist to be so honored.

The Sillanpas have been stationed in Terre Haute for about three years and he is a member of the local Rotary Club. He says, in the words of General Booth, "God shall have all there is of me," and that he is thankful "...for a wonderful Christian wife, Nellie, and two great children, Sharon and David," and for his parents who are now in their 80s.

Couple Has Better Idea

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By JOE BAKER

Tribune Staff Writer

The husband wife team directing the local Salvation Army Center, like William Booth founder of the Army, found a better idea "

Booth more than 100 years ago in England, forfeited his ties with the Methodist Church to aid the impoverished by forming the Army

Capt. Henry Woodard and his wife Iona, also a captain, found similar means of expressing their desire to aid the impoverished by joining the Army.

"You were encouraged to show what you can do," Henry Woodard said as he recalled when he was first introduced to the Salvation Army. "It was able to express myself in a way I was never able to before."

The Lord started to nudge us when the hot water heater broke the car broke down and salesmen started coming around. Mrs. Woodard said

"We really felt there was more to life than all the material things

It was about 13 years ago when the Woodard's began serving in the Salvation Army. Their assignments have led them to Indianapolis, Evansville, Logansport, and, since July 2, to Terre Haute.

"Our big program is working with run-aways," Capt. Woodard said.

Mrs. Woodard cited a study that revealed that most of the run-aways come from Missouri, Illinois and Ohio. "And Terre Haute is right in the middle," she said. "Apparently the kids want to get out and go to where the action is."

The Woodard's are currently awaiting word from Health, Education and Welfare on whether a five-year study can determine a need to subsidize the local center's "Sonshine House" where run-aways can receive refuge and counseling.

But the hope for the immediate future is to expand the local center's recreational program to a full week. Currently, the center offers a judo class on Friday and Saturday. "But we have to get

more staff and individuals to expand the program," Capt. Woodard said.

The Woodard's have been involved recently in soliciting food donations to aid their welfare program, set up to provide senior citizens with lunch Monday through Friday. The program also provides medicine and transportation for those needing it.

"Our policy," Henry said, "is to assist the development of the total person: socially, physically and spiritually."

Its purpose is to provide the community with a well-rounded program, with something of special interest to the entire family, and to each member individually.

Programs in camping group work, men's fellowship, emergency relief, service to unwed mothers, correctional services and counseling are among those offered to meet this objective.

The local center is funded principally through the local United Way.

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"KETTLE DRIVE '72" — The Salvation Army officially opened its Red Kettle Booth Friday. On hand for the opening ceremonies were from left, Fred Batson, Robert Paitson, Nellie Price (in booth), Mayor William J. Brighton, John Schmidt and Capt. Quintin Kennedy. The goal of the Salvation Army is to raise \$15,000.

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Sonshine House to close doors

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The local Salvation Army's Sonshine House, a facility for homeless boys and girls, will close Monday, according to Lt. Joseph Baunoch, local corps commander and executive director of Sonshine House.

The Sonshine House has been located at the Salvation Army headquarters, 19th and Locust streets.

Baunoch said the decision to close the facility was made by the Salvation Army's Indianapolis divisional headquarters.

Baunoch explained the decision was based on low utilization of the residence which had only 40 percent occupancy last year and the "inability of the program to finance itself."

A grant from the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare provided 56 percent of the funds during the past year.

"Inflation caused problems," Baunoch continued. "And we could not secure enough community dollars to maintain the program. There were cash flow problems caused in part by the fact other counties were slow in paying per diem rates promptly for children from these counties."

He said Sonshine House opened in January 1977 and during its three and one-half years of operation an estimated 350 to 400 resident youth were served.

In addition, counseling service was provided for youths who sought it themselves and for youth referred from other agencies. No figure was available as to how many youth were served through the counseling service.

Baunoch expressed regret that Sonshine House would close but he did

not see any other option at present.

He emphasized the Salvation Army will continue to offer all its other programs as usual.

The local Salvation Army advisory board was notified the latter part of May of the divisional decision, according to Baunoch.

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SONSHINE HOUSE — Wayne Newton American Legion Post No. 346 presented a check to the Salvation Army Sonshine House, a runaway facility for youth, for the purchase of furniture. The facility will be located upstairs at the Salvation Army, 1670 Locust St. At the check presentation were, front, Pat Patrick, chairman of the charities committee of the Legion; the Rev. Gail Bell, director of the Sonshine House; Captain Henry Woodard, executive director of Salvation Army; back, Leo Jackson, co-chairman; and Bill Glass, commander of the Legion post.

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Edicts threaten Sonshine House: Director

New federal regulations are turning the Sonshine House, serving runaway and homeless youth, into a "revolving door" operation by requiring the youths to be relocated after 15 days instead of the six weeks they can stay at the house now, its program director says.

"You can't serve a homeless youth in 15 days," G.E. Bell says, adding that it takes that long to assess each youth's problems.

The Sonshine House, a federally funded program located upstairs from the Salvation Army, 920 N. 19th St., provides shelter care, counseling, referral service, psychological evaluation, material aid, and an after care program for runaway youths and those displaced by family crisis.

In 15 days, Bell said, records are established on the clients' social history, medical problems and immunization, which the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) says is lacking in 20 percent of all the nation's youth.

The 15-day limit rule becomes effective July 1, when the Sonshine House's and HEW's new fiscal years begin.

After 15 days, Bell said, "A large

The Sonshine House, a program serving runaway and homeless youth in the Terre Haute area, could become a "revolving door" operation because of new federal regulations. The TRIBUNE takes an in-depth look into the Sonshine House in these stories, prepared by Joe Baker, Tribune staff writer.

number of youth will still be in need of residential service...and it will mean prematurely returning a youth to a home situation."

He said the 15-day rule opens up the possibility of county welfare departments and juvenile courts by-passing the Sonshine House to avoid having to look for other facilities to place youths every two weeks.

That could mean, Bell said, sending the youth to boys' or girls' schools — places, he said, that are "primarily for punishment" of youths who are criminal offenders and not those who are non-criminal or "status offenders," for which the youth "alternative" facilities such as the Sonshine House are mandated to provide.

"The Sonshine House was conceived to keep youth out of incarceration," Bell, who had been in a boys' school twice before age 17, said,

adding, "It (the 15-day rule) is counterproductive to our national objective."

Though it is unclear what effect the 15-day rule will have on placing homeless youths, spokesmen for four area welfare departments appear to allay fears of Bell that youth risk being sent straight to boys' or girls' schools.

"We just don't go that route if we can avoid it," Glenn Cardwell, director of the Vigo County Welfare Department, says.

If the county has to send any youth into incarceration, he said, "then we consider we failed," adding that a youth must have committed more than one juvenile offense before being incarcerated.

On the 15-day rule, however, Cardwell said: "I don't agree with it.... It's too short of time to make testing." He suggested 30 days is required for determining where they finally may be placed.

Cardwell said in summary that while the 15-day rule "will put him (Bell) in a strain...he is premature in saying" the Sonshine House will be by-passed for sending youths to boys' or girls' school.

Lila Schmaker, a caseworker for the Knox County Welfare Department, echoed Bell's claim that 15 days is not enough time to properly evaluate homeless youth.

"If I had the option on 15-, 30- or 50-day placement, I would have to opt for the longer facility," Schmaker said. "I would have to look for someplace where they could stay longer" for getting residential treatment. She cited Gibault School as one such

place.

She said another reason for avoiding the short-term facility is the crowded welfare and court calendars which would discourage placing youth there.

Lyle Pittman, director of the Greene County Welfare Department, said the tendency would be to overlook the Sonshine House for placing homeless youth because of the 15-day limit.

"We like to place them somewhere longer before we make a placement." He said 15 days is not enough time to get to know a youth before placing him in a permanent living environment.

He said the county may end up sending youths to group homes in Indianapolis.

Don Bedwell, director of the Sullivan County Welfare Department, said, "The only change would be that we'd have to comply with the time limit imposed on us." He said, however, "15 days would cut us short" on the amount of time to get a case heard in court.

But, with "emergency placement, we have no other choice" than to use the Sonshine House since Sullivan County has no such facility, Bedwell said.

The Sonshine House has a self-imposed, six-week limit on the how long a youth is kept at the facility. Some youths have been kept there as long as three months.

He criticized HEW on how it arrived at the 15-day limit, saying it "didn't analyze the data properly."

He said by averaging the total number of days all youths in the U.S. are in such facilities — combining those who are in for one day with those who are in longer — is an unrealistic way of arriving at how long a youth can be allowed to stay.

The 15-day limit rule is spelled out in rules and regulations in a Nov. 28, 1978, HEW Federal Register report

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PASSING TIME — Two temporary residents of the local Sonshine House pass time working on an art project in the dining area of the facility recently.

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which established a specific time frame in defining temporary shelter. The regulation states in part:

"It was decided that a maximum time frame of 15 days would be appropriate. This is based on the average length of stay by a youth in

a local runaway youth project as indicated through statistical reporting requirements placed on grantees over the past three years."

Bell said non-compliance could result in HEW lifting federal aid to the Sonshine House.

Salvation Army Opens Sonshine House Here

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Formal dedication of the Sonshine House Runaway Youth Facility in the Salvation Army headquarters, 920 N. 19th St., took place Wednesday with Major Robert E. Thompson, Indiana Divisional Commander, serving as master of ceremonies.

Directed by the Rev. G. E. Bell, an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples), the program is designed to provide a viable alternative to juvenile detention through a moderate cost, flexible and organic agency.

The facility has a maximum capacity for 12 youths, and on an emergency basis, 16 youths. Those from 10 to 18 years of age are eligible. Mrs. Charlene Bell, assistant director, said at present two boys and four girls are being provided for at Sonshine House and range from 14 to 16 years of age.

About half the group are lo-

cal youth, and two are from out of state. The others are from other areas of Indiana.

In addition to the Rev. and Mrs. Bell, the staff includes Beverly Otey, house manager, and two professional counselors, two case workers, a night manager, two cooks and a secretary-receptionist. The paid staff is supported and assisted by some 30 volunteers and several interns from Indiana State University. The health program is supervised by Dr. James Beuchler of the Family Practice Center at Union Hospital. Capt. Woodard has the responsibility of overall supervision of the Sonshine House program as the executive director.

Funding is provided through the Salvation Army for about 30 per cent of the cost and from the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare for 70 per cent. An application was

filed last June for \$74,855, or 70 per cent of the cost, with this federal agency. The Salvation Army officer assigned to Terre Haute is the executive director at no additional financial compensation.

The program is designed to provide for the immediate health and welfare needs of youth who run away from home and provide a crisis-intervention counselling forum for the airing of their problems and needs, as well as an acceptable alternative to incarceration for the local law enforcement agencies.

The program also is designed to provide a counselling program to help the youth and his or her family understand the difficulties and help with the resolution of such problems, as well as to encourage and promote the family unit as the most important character building and guiding resource.



SONSHINE HOUSE DEDICATED — Pictured here are some of the individuals who took part in the Wednesday in the dedication of Sonshine House, the runaway youth facility at the Salvation Army Headquarters, 920 N. 19th St. Individuals, left to right, are Capt. Henry Woodard, director of the local Corps; Brig. Lew Forney, Divisional Public Relations Secretary; Beverly Otey, Sonshine House manager; Mrs. Charlene Bell, assistant director, and the Rev. G. E. Bell, director. (Star Photo: Kadel)

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